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THE SECRET ACCOUNTS.

SECOND SERIES.

Fictitious Accounts for Furniture and Repairs.

Warrants Signed by Hall and Connolly Under False Pretenses.

THE ACCOUNT OF ANDREW J. GARVEY.

The following accounts are copied verbatim from the Controller's books—the books entitled the "Register of Warrants" and the "Book of Vouchers." We print them precisely as they appear in those books, without making any attempt to arrange the dates in proper order. In four instances, it will be seen, the warrants were made out in the names of R. J. HENNESSY and T. C. CASHMAN. How much money these persons actually received out of the $126,578 07 nominally paid to them for *four days' work* they might be forced to testify under oath, but are probably not willing to inform us. We hope the reader will take the trouble to examine the following accounts, item by item, in order that he may form a fair judgment with regard to them.

We must once more explain that these are *County* accounts; and we repeat our statement that if the Controller can be made to produce the *City* accounts, still greater frauds will appear:—

1869. ANDREW J. GARVEY. 1869.

Date of Warrant.	Character of Work.	Date on Which Work was Supposed to be Done.	Amount Drawn.
July 3.—Paid for Plastering, Repairs, &c., in County Court-rooms and Offices from May 4 to Sept. 27, 1868			$13,089 25
July 3.—Paid for Repairs in Supreme Court-rooms, Dec. 1, 1868			691 19
July 3.—Paid for Plastering, Repairs, in County Court-rooms and Offices from Aug. 6 to Dec. 24, 1868			31,286 52
July 10.—Paid for Plastering, Repairs, &c., in County Court-rooms and Offices, March 16, Dec. 21 and 28, 1868			26,800 85
July 23.—Paid for Altering Sheriff's Office for Coroners, Dec. 4, 1868			4,780 02
July 26.—Paid for Repairs to County Court-rooms and Offices, Dec. 1 and 4, 1868			3,089 24
July 28.—Paid for Repairs to County Jail and Buildings, Nov. 21, 1868			41,752 94
July 28.—Paid for Repairs in Brown-stone Building, Nov. 21, 1868			31,375 70
Aug. 4.—Paid for Repairs to County Offices and Buildings, June 27, 1868			38,791 62
Sept. 7.—Paid for Repairs in County Civil Courts Aug. 24, 1868			41,695 10
Sept. 7.—Paid for Repairs in County Offices and Buildings, Warrant in name of R. J. Hennessy, Oct. 1, 1868			29,695 68
Sept. 7.—Paid for Repairs in County Offices and Buildings, Warrant in name of R. J. Hennessy, Oct. 15, 1868			30,709 58
Oct. 26.—Paid for Repairs in County Offices and Court-rooms, Warrant in name of T. C. Cashman, May 29, 1868			33,704 41
Nov. 17.—Paid for Repairs in County Offices and Court-rooms, Warrant in name of T. C. Cashman, Nov. 14, 1868			30,886 08
Nov. 23.—Paid for Repairs and Alterations in same, Oct. 24, 1868			50,024 45
Dec. 9.—Paid for Repairs and Alterations in same, Nov. 26, 1868			46,500 84
Dec. 17.—Paid for Repairs and Alterations in same, Nov. 28, 1868			43,630 24
Dec. 17.—Paid for Repairs and Alterations in same, Sept. 18, 1868			16,609 23
June 10.—Paid for Plastering, &c., in New Court-house, from Nov. 1, 1868, to Jan. 1, 1869			29,924 65
June 10.—Paid for Plastering, &c., in New Court-house, from Feb. 1, 1869, to May 15, 1869			30,988 50
Dec. 28.—Paid for Alterations and Repairs to County Buildings and Offices. Check in name of Filippo Donnarumma, indorsed Phillip F. Dunnay, A. J. Garvey, May 20, 1868			33,288 00
Dec. 31.—Paid for Alterations and Repairs to same, Check in name of Filippo Donnarumma, indorsed Filip Dunnin, A. J. Garvey, May 20, 1868			33,120 89
Jan. 11.—Paid for Repairs, &c., in Armories and Drill-rooms from Dec. 24, 1868, to Jan. 7, 1869			38,707 27
Jan. 19.—Paid for Repairs, in same to Jan 6, 1869			49,479 74
Feb. 13.—Paid for Repairs, in same from Feb. 1, 1869, to Feb. 7, 1869			41,809 93
April 26.—Paid for Repairs, in same April 7, 8, 9 and 10, 1869			38,859 00
May 12.—Paid for Repairs to Thirty-seventh and Sixty-ninth Regiment Armories, April 16, 1869			5,635 20
May 12.—Paid for Repairs to Seventh and Seventy-first Regiment Armories, April 16, 1869			7,128 75
June 8.—Paid for Repairs to Armories and Drill-rooms, Jan. 13, 1869			36,769 00
June 17.—Paid for Repairs to Armories and Drill-rooms, June 4, 1869			41,741 70
Sept. 17.—Paid for Repairs to Armories and Drill-rooms, June 6, 1869			18,099 30
Sept. 28.—Paid for Repairs to Armories and Drill-rooms, May 18, 1869			7,901 80
Sept. 28.—Paid for Repairs to Armories and Drill-rooms, June 16, 1869			15,816 00

1870. ANDREW J. GARVEY. 1870.

Jan. 10.—Paid for Alterations and Repairs in County Buildings and Offices, Dec. 23, 1868			$8,188 20
Jan. 10.—Paid for Alterations and Repairs in County Buildings and Offices, Dec. 28, 1868			9,493 74
April 6.—Paid for Alterations and Repairs in County Buildings and Offices, Nov. 7, 1869			24,578 86
April 6.—Paid for Alterations and Repairs in County Buildings and Offices, Nov. 16, 1869			24,891 05
April 6.—Paid for Alterations and Repairs in County Buildings and Offices, Nov. 19, 1869			20,655 39
April 8.—Paid for Alterations and Repairs in County Buildings and Offices, Nov. 23, 1869			25,931 68
April 8.—Paid for Alterations and Repairs in County Buildings and Offices, Nov. 27, 1869			28,264 80
April 8.—Paid for Alterations and Repairs in County Buildings and Offices, Nov. 29, 1869			20,461 98
May 4.—Paid for Plastering in Court-houses, Dec. 4, 1869			46,025 67
May 14.—Paid for Plastering and Mason-work in Same, Dec. 3, 1869			45,355 93
May 14.—Paid for Painting and Decorating in Same, Dec. 29, 1869			44,295 85
May 21.—Paid for Painting and Decorating in Same, Dec. 21, 1869			44,004 91
May 21.—Paid for Painting and Decorating in Same, Dec. 22, 1869			44,281 16
May 21.—Paid for Plastering and Mason-work in Same, Dec. 11, 1869			45,444 40
May 27.—Paid for Materials and Labor in Court-house, Dec. 24, 1869			40,870 45
May 28.—Paid for Materials and Labor in Court-house, Dec. 24, 1869			43,390 51
May 30.—Paid for Materials and Labor in Court-house, Dec. 24, 1869			40,895 84
June 8.—Paid for Materials and Labor in Court-house, Dec. 24, 1869			42,942 16
June 8.—Paid for Repairs and Materials in County Buildings and Offices, Nov. 20, 1869			41,399 66
June 8.—Paid for Repairs and Materials in County Buildings and Offices, Nov. 26, 1869			41,180 43
June 8.—Paid for Labor and Materials in Court-house, Dec. 16, 1869			41,503 49
June 8.—Paid for Labor and Materials in Court-house, Dec. 24, 1869			40,971 15
June 8.—Paid for Labor and Materials in Court-house, Dec. 24, 1869			40,659 43
June 8.—Paid for Labor and Materials in Court-house, Dec. 24, 1869			43,774 26
June 10.—Paid for Repairs in County Buildings and Offices, Nov. 20, 1869			41,909 50
June 10.—Paad for Repairs in County Buildings and Offices, Dec. 9, 1869			25,609 30
June 10.—Paid for Repairs in County Buildings and Offices, Dec. 21, 1869			41,160 35
June 13.—Paid for Repairs in County Buildings and Offices, Nov. 4, 1869			47,724 61
June 13.—Paid for Repairs in County Buildings and Offices, Dec. 20, 1869			45,102 77
June 17.—Paid for Repairs, Nov. 16, 1869			49,026 04
June 17.—Paid for Repairs, Nov. 1, 1869			45,097 67
June 20.—Paid for Repairs in Armories and Drill-rooms, Oct. 29, 1869			43,900 53
June 20.—Paid for Repairs in Armories and Drill-rooms, June 26, 1869			44,001 08
June 24.—Paid for Repairs in Armories and Drill-rooms, Dec. 23, 1869			43,338 76
June 24.—Paid for Repairs in Armories and Drill-rooms, Dec. 2, 1869			45,756 37
June 30.—Paid for Repairs in Armories and Drill-rooms, Nov. 23, 1869			44,905 99
June 30.—Paid for Repairs in Armories and Drill-rooms, Nov. 20, 1869			44,009 38
July 26.—Paid for Repairs in County Buildings, Dec. 28, 1869			43,869 53
July 26.—Paid for Repairs in County Buildings, Dec. 29, 1869			49,491 75
Aug. 5.—Paid for Repairs, &c., in Armories and Drill-rooms, Dec. 21, 1869			72,075 08
Aug. 9.—Paid for Repairs, &c., in County Buildings, Dec. 20, 1869			66,118 31
Aug. 12.—Paid for Repairs, &c., in County Buildings, Dec. 21, 1869			67,068 89
Aug. 14.—Paid for Repairs in Armories of 7th, 12th, 8th, 84th and 55th Regiments, Nov. 23, 1869			30,685 00
Aug. 22.—Paid for Repairs in Armories and Drill-rooms, Oct. 24, 1869			19,343 80
April 3.—Paid for Repairs in Armories of 4th, 6th, 71st, 79th and 23d Regiments to Dec. 1, 1869			39,250 00
April 3.—Paid for Repairs in Armories of 8th and 37th Regiments to Dec. 23, 1869			35,490 30
April 9.—Paid for Repairs in Armories of 11th, 2d, 9th, 6th, 69th and 5th Regiments to Nov. 27, 1869			39,426 12
April 16.—Paid for Repairs in Armories and Drill-rooms, Nov. 22, 1869			30,975 00
Grand total			$2,270,464 66

AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

The Irrepressible Conflict Between Gen. Pleasonton and Mr. Boutwell.

A Change in the Internal Revenue Bureau Resolved On.

Industry Among the Cheyennes and Arapahoes.

A Democratic Slander on the Kuklux Committee.

Movements of President Grant at Long Branch.

Domestic News from all Parts of the Country.

WASHINGTON.

Removal of Commissioner Pleasonton From the Revenue Bureau—Personal Movements—Miscellaneous.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—It is exceedingly probable that the change so long looked for in the Internal Revenue office will become an accomplished fact within the next few days by the removal of Gen. PLEASONTON. The President has long been of the determination to make a change in the head of that Bureau, but had hoped to have been spared the necessity of removing a man who had long enjoyed his friendship and confidence. But as Gen. PLEASONTON resolutely refuses to resign, and thus relieve the situation of all embarrassment, the President must either dispense with his Secretary or his Commissioner. Regarding the administration of the Internal Revenue office by Gen. PLEASONTON as a failure in several important respects, he has had no difficulty though much annoyance in reaching his determination. Final action has been delayed from a variety of causes, but those causes are now mostly removed. There are no indications, at present, as to who will succeed the present Commissioner, and it is thought that the position may be held open for some time with Deputy-Commissioner Douglas as Acting Commissioner. One of the unfortunate results of the situation of affairs between the Internal Revenue office and the Treasury has been the resignation of Mr. CRESSLAY, the chief of the Revenue Law division. He had achieved a high reputation in this difficult position, and his familiarity with the great range of decisions and interpretations in the intricate branch of Revenue law rendered his services well nigh indispensable. But he has felt it necessary to abandon his position, in view of the course affairs have taken.

PERSONAL.

Gov. COOKE and family will leave here tomorrow for Philadelphia, to attend, on Tuesday, the funeral of Mrs. JAY COOKE, who died suddenly on Friday, of disease of the heart. On Wednesday Gov. COOKE will be in New-York, accompanying Mrs. COOKE on her departure for Europe that day. The Governor will return here on Thursday. W. W. CURTIS, Esq., Chief Clerk of the Land Office, who has been absent for two months on a tour of inspection of the land offices in the West, returned on Saturday. During his absence he visited the offices throughout Nebraska, Dakota, Kansas, Colorado and Utah. Under Commissioner DRUMMOND's administration the clerical force of the office is now gaining on the accumulated work of the past five years. Ex-Senator HENDERSON, of Missouri, was among the arrivals here yesterday. Mr. SUMNER still remains here in spite of the statements which announce his being with the poet LONGFELLOW.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

INDIAN DELEGATIONS AT HOME.

A letter has been received from the agent of LITTLE RAVEN and other chiefs of the Indian delegation recently visiting the East, dated Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, July 5. He states they arrived home on the 25th of June, all well, and found everything quiet. The Indians were much pleased with the account the delegation gave of their treatment while in Washington and other cities which they visited. Two days after their return, JOHN SMITH, the Cheyenne interpreter, was stricken with apoplexy, and being unable to procure a physician for him, he died. They found all the Arapahoes there on their arrival, but most of them have since gone on a buffalo hunt. But MOURNING, with about forty lodges will remain. They have corn planted which promises a good yield. The agent started a school last Winter, which has been well conducted and largely attended during the Spring and Summer by the Arapahoe and Cheyenne children of both sexes, some of the larger Indians taking much interest in the proceedings. LONG WOLF, SCRAMBLING BEAR and another Kiowa Chief say the larger part of the Kiowas are encamped near the Antelope Hills and mean to be friendly, but the remainder of them, numbering perhaps one hundred lodges, have gone to the Staked Plains and joined the Comanches, where they are supplied with all they need by Mexican traders, including and getting in their trade arms, ammunition, whisky, &c. These Mexicans encourage and accompany the Indians on their raids in Texas, and at the time SATANTA made his last raid a party of Mexicans accompanied him, one of whom was killed by the Tonkaway's scouts in the employ of the military in Texas. Crops are looking well on the Washita, and many of the Indians are hard at work attending to them. Some little alarm is felt there about the Kiowas, the Indians thinking they might come in and steal their horses. About 500 Comanches are encamped on the Washita. They are determined to remain at peace. The Rappahannocks are encamped near Fort Cobb, and say they wish to remain at peace with the whites.

OWNERS' TRANSPORTATION.

Officers travelling under orders where the United States have no transportation, and where it is not practicable to use the transportation offices of the Quartermaster's Department: that is, where owners of wagons, stages, vessels, and other private or public means of travel, decline to accept the United States transportation orders, and collect their compensation from the Quartermaster's Department, claimed reimbursement of expenses in excess of mileage, and the question was referred by the Quartermaster's Department to the Second Controller of the Treasury, who gave the following decision:

The case presented, when independently reviewed, is a strong one in equity, but it is not a *casus omissus* in the legislation on the subject; for the Law of July 15, 1870, presupposes that an officer may travel under an order and not be furnished transportation by the Quartermaster's Department or on a conveyance belonging to or chartered by the United States. In that event the law declares that the officer "shall be allowed ten cents a mile, and no more, for such actually by him traveled under such order, distance to be calculated according to the nearest post routes, and no payment shall be made to any officer except by a paymaster of the army." This language is too explicit to permit any discretionary allowance for expenses exceeding the mileage. As a general rule, the actual expenses of travel are less than the mileage; but the officer would not think it just for the Government to demand a return of the paid excess. In the few instances where the expenses exceed the mileage, the law as it now stands provides no relief for the hardship which falls upon the officer.

THE KUKLUX COMMITTEE.

Examination of Witnesses Restrained—A Democratic Slander Rebuked.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Judge POLAND, who has been acting as Chairman of the Kuklux Investigating Committee, left here Friday night for his home in Vermont. The Committee is to discontinue its examinations in a few days, and take a recess till the full Committee meets again in September. This fact will serve to explain the sending of telegrams to several witnesses who had been summoned, excusing them from attendance, which some of the Democratic papers have worked up into a story of a "Radical trick," as they term it, to prevent the testimony of Democratic witnesses from being received.

To the Associated Press.

It has been stated that the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate has countermanded the subpœnas issued to certain witnesses summoned at the instance of the Democratic members of the Kuklux Committee, and informed them they need not appear. The truth of this publication is denied by the Republican members, who say that on July 1 Mr. HARDEMAN, of Georgia, was summoned, but declined to come hither on account of sickness. On the 11th inst., however, he sent word that he was ready to obey the summons; but it being then supposed by Judge POLAND, who was acting Chairman of the Committee, that a recess would be taken on the 15th of July, and there being a number of witnesses here to fill the intermediate time, he directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to notify Mr. HARDEMAN not to come. This was the only case of the kind. No other Democratic witness received similar notice. It is further stated, the leader of the Kuklux in Orange County, North Carolina, F. N. STRUDWICK, and the impeacher of Gov. HOLDEN, asked three several times for delay; finally he came to Washington and reported to the Sergeant-at-Arms, but the day previous to the time of his examination he left the city without leave or notice. He was again summoned but asked for further time, saying he was sick. He has not appeared before the Committee. W. L. SAUNDERS, the reputed State Chief of the Kuklux in North Carolina, was also summoned and asked for further time. PLATO DURHAM, alleged to be the Grand Chief of the Kuklux in Cleveland County, North Carolina, declined to come till after the 3d of August. H. W. GUYON, supposed to be connected with the Kuklux in Mecklenburg County, has asked to be excused on account of Court business. Mr. AVERY, of South Carolina, reported, and then left Washington. Gen. A. R. WRIGHT, of Georgia, was summoned on the 1st of July, but has not yet obeyed. Other witnesses, however, have promptly obeyed the summons, among them Col. CHERRY, of Athens, Ga., who is now here. Accounts from Raleigh, N. C., say there are already 100 indictments against members of the Kuklux in that State, and the number will probably be increased to 300 by the time specified for the term of the Circuit Court, to be presided over by Judge BOND.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Democratic Ratification Meeting in San Francisco—Extensive Fires.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—The Democrats are holding an immense ratification meeting. Judge SAWYER rendered a decision in the United States District Court today, in the case of KELLEY *vs.* MCGLYNN, on an application to reopen the question of the validity of the Broderick will case, holding that the Court had no power to grant the relief prayed for. A terrible fire occurred yesterday in Market-street, near Fremont-street, here, among the lumber and planing mills. The flames spread rapidly, being driven by a high wind. The principal losses are WHIPPLE's coal yards, $7,000; GARRITT's brass foundry, $20,000; DARRIGHI & Co., $20,000; B. H. FREEMAN, $10,000; JOHN MEILON, $7,000; Mechanics' Mills, $40,000. The total loss is $250,000; very small insurance. One hundred men are thrown out of employment by the fire. Fires doing immense damage are frequent in the Cascade Mountains.

THE WEATHER.

Synopsis of Events and Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, July 24—1 A. M.—The barometer has been quite high during Sunday, and the central area is moving eastward over Pennsylvania. A small area of low pressure continues in the eastern part of the Gulf, and the barometer is steadily falling throughout the Mississippi Valley and westward. The temperature remains low, especially in Virginia and Florida. North-westerly winds have prevailed on the South Atlantic coast, and now extend westward to the Mississippi. Clear and pleasant weather has been very generally reported from the lakes and Mississippi Valley to the Atlantic. Clear and threatening weather is advancing over Iowa and Arkansas.

PROBABILITIES.

Pleasant weather will probably continue on Monday on the lower lakes and Atlantic coast. Threatening weather with rain will probably advance into Illinois by Monday morning and extend into Michigan and to Tennessee during the day.

City Meteorological Report.

The following observations show the temperature, &c., yesterday, at the Central Park Mineral Springs:

	6 A.M.	9 A.M.	12 M.	3 P.M.	6 P.M.
Degrees Fahrenheit	66	69	71	70	72
Stand. of Bar. in inch.	30.16		30.20		30.19
Wet-bulb Hygrometer at noon, degrees Fah.			63		

Affairs at Long Branch—Movements of the President.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., July 23.—President GRANT, with Secretary of the Navy ROBESON, attended divine service at the Methodist Episcopal Church this morning. Rev. Dr. NEWMAN, of Washington, preached the sermon. At noon Collector J. W. CASEY, of New-Orleans, Senator CATTELL, and Mr. ELIOT, of Harvard College, dined with the President. This afternoon the President, FREDERICK GRANT, Secretary ROBESON and Senator CATTELL took an evening drive. Collector THOMAS MURPHY entertained Gen. HORACE PORTER, Hon. JAMES TERWILLIGER, Collector CASEY and Secretary ROBESON this evening at his cottage. Col. JAMES FISK rode out today on horseback. Gov. RANDOLPH of New-Jersey, Hon. HORACE T. COBURN, Hon. J. S. BUCKALEW and Hon. GEORGE HALSEY are at the Mansion House. The weather is delightfully cool. A great crowd was present at the sacred concert at the Continental Hotel this evening.

Extensive Fires in Worcester, Mass.

WORCESTER, Mass., July 23.—A fire in Northboro, on Friday night, consumed a large barn belonging to Dr. HENRY BARNES, together with the contents, which included six head of cattle. Loss, $6,000.

Last night another fire broke out at 8 o'clock in the evening, and burned until nearly 11 o'clock with such fury as to excite fears that the whole village would be destroyed, but it was at last subdued by the assistance of firemen from the neighboring towns. Two large blocks, in which were three stores, the post-office, a provision market and residences of three families, were consumed; also two dwelling-houses and some barns; six families were burned out, and most of their furniture destroyed. The loss by the fire last night will reach nearly $40,000, a small portion only of which is covered by insurance.

The Shelter-Breakfast Case at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 23.—The case of Mrs. LIES *vs.* BRADSTREET closed last night. The Court took the motion to dissolve the injunction under advisement. Considerable testimony was given in support of the general accuracy of BRADSTREET's reports. The testimony of W. H. KING on the first day of the trial, that he said would that gold-headed canes and other presents would procure satisfactory ratings, was ruled out by the Court.

Steamer Accident at Worcester, Mass.

WORCESTER, Mass., July 24.—JAMES C. TROY, of this city, was found drunk under the railroad bridge, on Southbridge-street, at 11½ o'clock to-night. Near the spot where he was arrested the officers found PATRICK NARY, just stepping in death. TROY was too drunk to give any account of the affair, but it is supposed that the two men fell from the bridge, and that NARY died to death. NARY was a peddler, and it is stated has a wife in Obelisco, Mass. An inquest will be held this morning.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The work of changing the gauge from six to four feet nine inches of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad commenced at daylight yesterday morning, and was completed throughout the entire line, a distance of 340 miles, at 11 o'clock A. M. Narrow-gauge trains will commence running today.

The Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Company have issued instructions to their agents that all goods intended for exhibition at the BUFFALO International Exhibition, opened to Buffalo, shall be returned at the close of the exhibition free of charge.

HERBERT F. NOURSE, indicted at Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, for the murders of Wm. PARK and M. L. EARNSHAW in December last, was tried in the District Court, on Friday, and convicted of murder in the first degree. He will be sentenced next Friday.

Collector MAGUIRE, of St. Louis, has advertised the rolling stock of the North Missouri Railroad Company, which was levied on some days ago for delinquent taxes, to be sold the 1st of August.

The failure of the Lamar Insurance Company, of Chicago, is announced. The State Auditor has appointed Gen. GEORGE W. SMITH as Attorney for the State, to apply for the appointment of a receiver.

At a game of base-ball in New-Orleans yesterday, between the Crescent Club and the R. E. Lee (champion) Club, the former were victorious by a score of 21 to 11.

Battery I, Fourth Artillery, and Battery K, stationed artillery, leave Fortress Monroe today for Raleigh, N. C., for temporary duty.

Rev. Dr. M. JACOBS, for forty years Professor of Pennsylvania College, died at Gettysburg on Saturday.

The weather in New-Orleans is warm, but the health of the city is good, and not a single case of yellow fever has been heard of.

THE COAL TRADE.

Troubles Again in Schuylkill—The Causing Scramton Sale—A New Move by a Coal Company—The Schuylkill Rate of Wages.

From the Philadelphia Telegraph, July 24.

During the week various troubles have been reported from several collieries in Schuylkill, which have had the effect of somewhat reducing the stock at the shipping ports. The troubles are said to grow out of infringements of the agreement on either one side or the other. In some cases the difficulties have been settled by means of arbitration, but in others the collieries stand idle, without any hope of a start for some time to come. On Wednesday next the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company will again offer at public sale, in New-York, the large quantity of 50,000 tons of coal. This amount shows that the Scranton Company are largely increasing their weekly shipments and their general business. As to the result of the sale, some parties predict, to a dead certainty, that prices will be even lower than last month, while others, with equal assurance, declare that the direct opposite will take place. Each desires his own result to verify his previous predictions as to lower or higher rates during the coming month. Under the circumstances it is dangerous to risk an opinion either way, and so the result of the sale is awaited as the only means of solving the difficulty. The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company are now taking measures looking to the establishment of shoring-places on their property near Mauch Chunk, at which coal which is cut and mined, but which is not needed at shipping points by reason of the poor state of the market, and the presence of which would have a damaging effect upon the trade, can be stored and kept untransported until the market is ready to receive it. This plan has already been worked upon with satisfactory results by the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, and, of course, the adoption of it by other companies makes it so much the more felt in its effect upon the market. It is proposed to store most of the coal mined during the dull Winter months, and it is expected that as many as two or three thousand tons will be on hand at times. The Committees of operators and miners met in Schuylkill County on Saturday last, and fixed the rate of wages for the month. They found the average price to have been $2 50 per ton, and accordingly ordered wages to be paid at seven per cent. below the $2 75 basis. This rate was somewhat higher than was expected, but it is accounted for by the fact that the firms chosen, from whose accounts the average price was made up, all appeared to be those who obtained the highest prices. It is not thought, however, that the rate will be any lower this season. The Pennsylvania Coal Company have issued a circular with their prices for August. The rates given are thirty and forty cents higher for both grades and freight than those of the present month. According to the circular issued some time ago, freights by that road will also be increased for the coming month.

Death of Mrs. Jay Cooke.

We record, with regret, the death of Mrs. ELIZABETH COOKE, the wife of JAY COOKE, Esq. Mrs. COOKE was a member of the ALLEN family of Kentucky, a sister of Col. ALLEN, Principal of the Kentucky Military Institute at Frankfort, and was a lady gifted with so many of the gentle and attractive qualities of the highest type of Christian womanhood, that her decease will be felt throughout the large circle of her association as inflicting an irreparable loss. Those to whom we have entrusted Mrs. COOKE through the graceful and cordial hospitalities of her husband's home, the announcement of her death will come with the sincerest regret; while throughout all the nearer relationships of her life it must bring a sense of bereavement which the deepest sympathy can but partially assuage. Mrs. COOKE died at Ogontz, Mr. COOKE's home, at Chelten Hills, on Saturday morning, her death resulting from an affection of the heart, from which she had been suffering for a considerable time past.

Howdoms at the Elysian Fields—A Policeman Beaten.

A disturbance took place in the Elysian Fields, above Hoboken, at 6 o'clock last evening, which will probably result fatally to at least one of the parties engaged. It is necessary to place special officers on duty here on Sundays, since the spot is considerably frequented by New-York roughs, and difficulties frequently occur. About 6 o'clock yesterday a fight occurred among a party of drunken men just below the Cave and on the river walk. Special Officer WM. FURSHON was on duty at the spot, and interfered to stop the disturbance, some of the men engaged having drawn knives and revolvers. The officer succeeded in arresting one of the parties who was unknown, when the others to the number of a dozen, set upon him, rescuing the prisoner and beating the officer with his own locust and the stock of a revolver until he was insensible. His skull was laid bare in two or three places and his recovery is doubtful. He was taken to the Hoboken Police Station where his wounds were dressed. The difficulty occurred in Weehawken township, and outside the jurisdiction of Hoboken. A squad of police was, however, dispatched to the place, who succeeded in arresting three of the parties implicated. They were all armed and gave the names of MATTHEW MORRIS, James WILSON and PATRICK CULLEN, all residents of New-York. The Fields are becoming the resort of the lowest class of city rangers, and disturbances of this kind are of quite frequent occurrence.

CABLE TELEGRAMS.

President Thiers Discountenances an Italian War.

The Death Sentence for Communists Discontinued.

Prince Napoleon Ordered to Leave France at Once.

Seizure and Prosecution of Two Parisian Journals.

Formation of a New Spanish Cabinet.

Marshal Serrano and Admiral Topete to Have Portfolios.

FRANCE.

M. Thiers Against War With Italy—Concessions to be Tendered to the Pope—Press Seizures and Prosecutions.

PARIS, July 23.—In the course of M. THIERS' address before the National Assembly, at Versailles, yesterday, the President, speaking of Italy, said it was impossible to adopt a course which would lead to war. The true policy of France was peace and reorganization. No steps must or should be taken which will even tend to alienate Italy. French troops have occupied the city of Amiens. The Court of Cassation has exonerated M. DEVIENNE, President of the Court under the Empire, from all criminality in the affair of MARGUERITTE BELLANGER. M. FAVRE had ordered the prosecution of the *Vérité* (newspaper) for publishing a letter from M. LALANNE, Gen. FAIDHERBE, who was elected to the Assembly by three constituencies, has chosen to represent the Department of the North. *Le Monde* of today proposes that the Island of Corsica be tendered to the Pope as an inviolable residence, by which means it claims that the supremacy of France as the defender of the Catholic faith will be maintained. The Bonapartist journal, *Avenir Libéral*, has been seized for publishing a virulent attack upon M. JULES FAVRE. Prince NAPOLEON, who has been staying for three days at Havre, has been ordered to leave France. The municipal elections are proceeding today. No disturbances have occurred. Official reports show that Paris is healthy.

PARIS, July 24.—The municipal elections in this city, yesterday, resulted in the choice of 9 Republican Conservatives, and 20 moderate Republicans. The vote cast was very small.

Sentence of Convicted Communists—Debates in the Assembly on the Pardon of the Pope—Proposed Loans on Cotton.

VERSAILLES, July 23.—The Communists convicted by the Military Commission at Marseilles have been sentenced to various terms of imprisonment. The Count DE CHAMBORD is passing the Summer in Belgium, near Ostend. In the Assembly today there was a very excited debate upon the subject of the petition of the Bishops in reference to the temporal power of the Pope. President THIERS, who was the chief speaker, declared unequivocally that while he would not in any way compromise the policy of the country he would do his best to secure the Pope's independence. M. GAMBETTA followed in a speech supporting the sentiments of M. THIERS, and supported the motion for the order of the day, which was rejected by the Assembly. The petition was then referred to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. M. THIERS addressed the Assembly today in support of the bill providing for the imposition of a duty on the raw material of cotton. It is thought, however, that the bill will be rejected by the Assembly.

SPAIN.

Formation of a New Ministry—Full List of the Ratification.

MADRID, July 22.—King AMADEUS has accepted the programme of Marshal SERRANO, and Admiral TOPETE and Señors SAGASTA, ULLOA and AYALA will probably enter the Ministry.

MADRID, July 23.—The new Ministry has been arranged as follows: President of the Council and Minister of War, Marshal SERRANO; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Admiral TOPETE; Minister of the Interior, Señor SAGASTA; Minister of Justice, Señor ULLOA; Minister of Finance, Señor ARRIEGUEGUI; Minister of Public Works, Señor CANDAU; Minister of Marine, Admiral MALCAMPO; Minister of the Colonies, Señor AYALA.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

Opening of the Portuguese Cortes—Disbursements to the National Finances—Movements of the Germans and Russian Emperors.

LISBON, July 22.—The Portuguese Cortes was opened today by the King in person. In his speech from the throne King LOUIS expressed his gratitude for the reception given to his august relatives, the Emperor and Empress of Brazil. The speech was otherwise devoted entirely to the affairs of the Kingdom, the finances of which, he said, are still embarrassed.

BERLIN, July 22.—The Emperor WILLIAM goes to-morrow to visit the Czar ALEXANDER at Ingenheim, Bavaria. The Czar returns on Tuesday to Russia.

LONDON, July 24.—A dispatch from Constantinople reports disturbances at Scutari. Though no particulars are given, the trouble is supposed to be of a religious character. The *Auckland* has been totally wrecked on the voyage to Sydney, New South Wales. The crew and passengers were all saved.

LONDON, July 23.—Her Majesty's steam-frigate *Adamant*, recently ashore at Gibraltar, has returned to England, and arrived at Plymouth last night. The brig *Kerr*, Capt. HALVERSON, from Philadelphia, May 20, for Elsinore, has been totally wrecked. The crew were saved. A deputation of German, Dutch and Austrian bankers has sailed from Europe for the United States for the purpose of making an examination of the route, condition of the work and financial prospects of the North Pacific Railroad.

EUROPEAN MAIL NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP DEUTSCHLAND.

The steamship *Deutschland*, which left Bremen on July 8 and Southampton on July 11, reached this port yesterday. Her advices are fresher by two days than were those at hand by the *Russia* on Friday night last.

PROSPECTS OF FRANCE.

De Chambord and the Legitimists—Downfall of the Party—Prussia and Future of the Nation.

Correspondence of the London Times.

The Comte de CHAMBORD has succeeded to nothing whatever. The Legitimist party is the country, and especially in the Chamber, more completely hopeless than ever. Their flag can it would have been possible for them by months of political indiscretion to have done for themselves. No doubt in the long run the result would have been the same, if, as, only a matter of time; but it is better that these victims should be saved a lingering and miserable existence by one determined act of suicide. The Orleans chances have risen fifty per cent. since yesterday, and it is probable that the proclamation of the head of the family will have the effect of dividing that interest from the Republican party. All parties, like their master, from political life to a grave and for ever, with their white flag, as the emblem of their political purity, unblemished, and those who will range themselves for the future under the parti-colored banner with heterogeneous and different forms of government during the next few years, and, from all appearances, may be called upon to brave a manyfusco. The Orleanists will doubtless now receive a large accession of force from the Legitimist ranks, and this is a sort of fusion which will be far more useful to them than any understanding that could have been come to between the leaders themselves. While the Comte DE CHAMBORD boldly flaunts his flag in the eyes of astonished France, and wins a certain kind of admiration by the very folly and inconsistency of his act, the Orleans Princes are maintaining an attitude of dignified reserve, which is calculated to improve their position by the very contrast which it presents to the headlong policy of the head of the family. It is only due to the latter to say that he has thrown away his chances of the throne from high motives, the restoration of his countrymen as an honorable gentlemen, and through all the sharp criticism to which the proclamation has given rise in the newspapers there penetrates a tone of kindness for the man, and appreciation for the honesty and nobility of his character. Which of the Thomas Didymus of the day will represents it as such a discourse reflects credit on both parties. Meantime, the immediate effect of this singular episode will probably be to produce a new combination of parties in the Chamber, a combination which will derive additional interest from the fact that there are 145 new members to combine with.

The short time which has certainly injured the Orleanist cause, are thus satisfactorily disposed of; but it is worthy of remark, as indicating the loyalty of the Comte DE CHAMBORD's character, that he issued his manifesto the day before he received the visit of the Comte DE PARIS. I am informed that on Saturday last the latter proposed to pay a visit to his relative at Chambord, but was requested to postpone it until the document was published, so that under no circumstances the Orleanist branch should be compromised by it.

PRESENT AND FUTURE.

Great satisfaction is expressed in official circles at the present aspect of affairs in France, which is thought to realize the anticipations of the most sanguine. The loan and the elections have indeed been successful enough to content every reasonable person. The present state of affairs may be pretty clearly defined, so far as the prospects of the Government go. From a combination of circumstances, M. THIERS has always had a majority in an Assembly composed of many conflicting parties. The elections have increased that majority in the absolute number of its supporters, as since the confidence of the country in the present Government and the real weakness of parties which have hitherto assumed themselves strong. It is the habit of some of the Opposition papers to say that there are 80 Monarchists in the Chamber whose will must be done, and to treat them as the real masters of the situation. This cannot long endure. If they find solace in words, they are free to use them, and to seek to delude themselves as well as others, but the facts of the case are the other way. There are in the Assembly perhaps 150 men who are Republicans from conviction, and whose creed it is that from the ebb and flow of Government in France hope for a permanent revival for her power and prosperity. But there are between 300 and 400 men who have no devoted attachment to any dynasty, nor any particular aversion from a Republic; who are determined to have liberal institutions, whose chief aim and desire are the good of France. With whom to accept a wise and moderate Republican government as the best for a patriotic and constitutional King, but who do not admit the necessity of coming to any decision at present, and who are content with the Provisorium as directed by M. THIERS. They see an honest Government working hard to repair the losses and heal the wounds of their country, and working with success. They see credit improving and confidence revive. If it is ever right to "let well alone," it surely is in circumstances like the present, when any change can only be for the worse. Another and a sensible reason that is now advantageously consolidating. The Assembly has plenty of work before it without declaring itself "Constituent" and raising the question who should govern France. It has to vote new taxes, to reform the whole military system; to limit the power of the Executive. There is no valid reason why it should not declare itself "Constituent," but there is also none at present for its assuming these functions. It may be fairly doubted whether new elections would produce a better Chamber than this one, but they certainly would excite the people and impede the progress of reform. The Assembly work in hand is colossal; it has been justly said that what France needs is regeneration; a patching-up will not do, a new spirit must be introduced, the nation must be born again. France has not only been beaten, but has inferiority to nations to which she has ever looked for her superior. It has been clearly shown. She has a fortune and fabric to repair, the choice of a King, whom has representatives. It is evident, are in no haste to select. One result of new elections would be the exclusion of the greater number of the Legitimist Deputies, the majority of whom were chosen not on account of their political opinions, but because they were known and respected by their constituents. The people beheld France in a most alarming crisis; Paris fallen, the invader overrunning the land, resistance hopeless; they grouped themselves round the men in whom they had most confidence, and marched through fire to save their homes from the spoiler and to obtain peace for France. The Legitimist gentlemen selected under these circumstances fulfilled their commission, and perhaps some of them would be re-elected out of gratitude and personal good-will, but assuredly not because they belong to the White Flag. That, briefly stated, is the case. I choose so to style himself, has few supporters in France, and he has done his best, by his recent manifesto to lessen their number. The French peasant proprietor has lately shown more intelligence than he generally has been credited with. He would have been obtuse indeed if the events of the last few years had not suffused to brighten his faculties and open his eyes. He has always had a horror of revolutions, and that, as well as the iron grip and pressure of the Prefects, made him support the Empire. He has now learnt to have a horror of wars, and actually seems to have a notion that the white banner, did it return to France, might one day be displayed in a crusade on behalf of the Pope. And so he begins to pay more attention to the vote he gives, and, as we have seen, went in strongly for the Republican ticket at the late elections in Paris, tardily mending her ways, showed herself more Conservative than the rural districts. It looks very much as if France had taken M. THIERS for better and for worse, till death shall them part. He has acquired immense prestige, and it is rare to see a man so deferred to by all parties. Some say that he has been lucky, but it is the luck that is born of prudence and sagacity. Probably his most earnest desire at the moment is that the Provisorium would be maintained in preference to the definitive establishment of a Republic of which he would certainly be the President. For it the proclamation of a Sovereign would lead to great discords and perhaps to civil war, on the other hand the final adoption of the Republican form would compel the settlement of some very difficult questions. There might be no doubt as to who should be its first President, but for how long should he be appointed? The wisest plan would probably be to appoint M. THIERS for life, or for as long as he felt equal to the fatiguing and duties of the office. In all human probability that would not give him a very long term of power, and his successors might be appointed for a fixed number of years. M. THIERS being childless, even those who think least well of him could hardly feel a coup d'état. Another very grave question is that of the Chambord. One or two? And, if two, how and by whom is the Senate, or whatever it shall be called, to be chosen? Knotty points, better not raised as this present time, with France still invaded, disarmed and bleeding.

DR. DOLLINGER.

Crowned Honors to the Pope's Opponent—A Case of Excommunication.

A Lombard telegram sets forth that the Professors of the Munich University have received to elect Dr. VON DOLLINGER Rector Magnificus for the coming year; it being the turn of the Theological Faculty. The election is of marked importance, as the three hundredth anniversary of the University will be celebrated with particular splendor during the period of office. It is considered doubtful whether the Government will confirm the election. Prof. DOLLINGER has been excommunicated for administering the sacrament to the dying Priest ZUGER, excommunicated for his denial of the infallibility dogma.

THE FRENCH ASSEMBLY.

Prowesses of Count Jaubert—A Tax on Foreign Visitors Suggested—Incidents of the Debate—A Stormy Session.

Versailles (July 8) Correspondence London Times.

Count JAUBERT is one of those eccentric persons who occasionally start up in a Legislative Assembly for the amusement of its members and their own discomfiture. He was once a Minister of Public Works in the Thiers Cabinet of 1840. It is presumable he displayed more discretion in office than he did on Thursday last in the Chamber, where he carried by turns the indignation and the wrath of the Assembly. The object of his rising was to propose a poll tax on foreigners in France as a consequence of the treaty of May 10, 1871. Count JAUBERT left those interested in the Treasury for the treaty should be liquidated, foreigners residing in France experimentally were to be compelled to pay a certain sum for the use of their passports at French Consulates abroad, and was also bound to take out a license to reside, for which a further payment would be exacted. This was the substance of Count JAUBERT's bill. As regards the charge for the use, it has already been for some time established, and every stranger coming to France is now previously charged ten francs, avowedly for the sake of the revenue this obtained, since the Republic has no greater excuse to insist upon passports as a means of guarding against foreign machinations than the Empire had. And because, moreover, it is perfectly well known that they no longer find an advantage in making their purchases here, for that many things now cost twice as much in Paris as in London, and that prices in general have risen. The Grand Hotel has gone another and a more sensible way to work to retrieve its losses. Unlike many hotels which refused to put the Red Cross on their doors rather as a protection than because they had sick or wounded within, the monster caravanserai on the Capucines was converted into a regular hospital, and it is well known that many persons died there, and that there must been a great deal of disorder within its walls. Of course, it was looked and paraded in every possible way, but in addition to this it is widely advertised a reduction of twenty-five per cent. in its charges, and the plan seems to have answered, for the house has resumed its old bustling appearance. The proprietors place more faith in low prices than in protective duties, and they are likely to find their calculations correct. Count JAUBERT feels aggrieved as foreigners being exempted from passports when Frenchmen have to carry them. He questioned the Police on this subject. "Oh!" was the reply, "we know the English by their faces." "But," said the Count, "I assure you that I am not worse looking than an Englishman." The Chamber roared with laughter at this sally—perhaps because it did not quite share M. JAUBERT's high opinion of his personal attractions. The Count continued: "I propose to levy a tax of ten francs on the document which gives" "safe conduct," interposes a Deputy who said he often went to Switzerland and disgusted. "I am certain of it," retorted JAUBERT; "I go as often as you do. I go into the mountains." At this the Chamber again exploded, thinking, perhaps, that there were not many fair-gatherers among the glaciers. The Count went on: "I am still in hopes to believe that a charge of 25 would exclude none but the feeds from this country, who really wanted to visit it, but there are probably many English who, out of disgust at what they would consider an extortion, would rather take a more expensive route that submit to it. There are seventy thousand persons in France who seem desirous of excluding foreigners from their country as much as possible, either by taxing them, by showing dislike to them, or by raising the market. Ever since the end of the Commune, Paris has been clamorous for the return of the host of foreigners who, for many years past, have so largely contributed to the gaiety of her hotels, shops and theatres, and of all who minister to the pleasure and amusement of the wealthy and the idle. "Why do they not come?" was the cry. "Paris is perfectly safe, remarkably healthy, and very curious to see." Gradually they came, at first few, and cautiously, and hesitated at the dread of unburied Communists and of persons shot in the streets, and of malaria from the unburned corpses, and of hotels which had been hospitals, and in which infection still lurked. But soon the stream increased, and thousands flowed in, and now upon the Boulevards one hears almost as much English and American spoken as of yore. But many of the Parisians seem to imagine that they are to redeem their losses during the two sieges by mulcting the foreigner upon the Jaubert principle. I hear innumerable complaints of higher charges at hotels where they were high enough before, and of extortions practiced by the shop-keepers. The late painted vases of certain well-known shops have been hurried out of sight through the streets, but foreign ladies declare

THE CEYLONESE.

Memoirs of the Elephants for Canada—Scenes Around the Depot—Selah Behemoth.

The two elephants which were landed from the bark *Nebraska Queen*, at the foot of Thirtieth-street, North River, on Saturday, a full description of which was given in yesterday's TIMES, were lodged for the night in a yard in Eleventh-avenue in connection with the stables of the Hudson River Railroad. Here they were visited by the greater portion of the population of the surrounding neighborhood, and up to a late hour on Saturday night, and as soon as it was daylight on Sunday morning the whole vicinity seemed to be flocking to see these monster animals. Those who could not gain access to the yard by legitimate means climbed over the tops and walls of the stables around, while others strained their eyes through cracks or holes of the boarded fence of the yard in order to get a glimpse of the visitors. Some of the sight-seers seemed as anxious to see the Singhalese keepers as they were to view the elephants. The Oriental costume of these men, the odd sounds they uttered to call each other, or to make their charges obey them, all added to the wonderment of the crowd. These men are Mohammedans, and it is quite an undertaking to provide food for them, as they will not eat any animal food unless they kill it themselves. Their usual food is rice, which is boiled for them, which they eat with a great relish. At 9 o'clock it was made known that the elephants would leave their quarters for the depot of the Hudson River Railroad Company, between Ninth and Tenth avenues. The crowd in the yard soon increased, men and boys from their domiciles only partly dressed, with babes in their arms and small broods of children dragging at their skirts, came from all directions.

Many large cans were thrown open, and the keepers in their hurry tumbled one over the other, while men and women were splashed head to foot with the mud from the pools which abound in this neighborhood.

All attempts seemed to be taken in good part; all had come with a determination to see the elephant, come what might. The distance to the depot was soon accomplished. Five large cars were drawn up for their reception near the passenger's platform, which were surrounded by a number of employes of the Company, and a few favored onlookers who gained access to the premises. Here the elephants were placed outside of the cars, chains, cords, houses, and every available object where they could see another glimpse. Opinions as to the probable age of the animals, their strength, &c., were freely passed, and it was most amusing to listen to the various stories which were told to the children by their elders of the ferocity of these monster animals. One individual, who was inside the inclosure, said who held two timid little girls by the hand, was vainly endeavoring to convince them that the "helephants were as harmless as lambs," when the baby elephant scampered toward him. His courage instantly failed. He threw the two girls on sharply over, under each arm, and scampered several yards as fast as his legs would carry him.

The arrangements for moving the animals from the platform to the cars were very simple. Strong planks were laid down from the platform to the cars, and the only difficulty was to induce them to walk the platform, the incline they had to ascend was very slight. Two were placed in each car, and there was very little trouble in getting the first four couple into the four cars. The remaining couple consisted of the baby elephant, and the largest one in the troupe, called Rajah. After some little difficulty the baby was run in, but Rajah refused to budge, and seemed to be in a demonic. He roared and threw himself about when it was attempted to pull and push him in by force. He would not stir an inch. Presently he made a sudden dart in the opposite direction to which he was wanted to go, dragging the keepers and others who had hold of the rope with him. He had not proceeded far before two of the keepers managed to get before him, and with the aid of their spears stopped him. He was brought back, and reached the door of the car, when he suddenly turned round and repeated his previous manoeuvre. Again he was brought back, and with the aid of the spears and spears could not make the unruly and obstinate brute enter the cars. At last Capt. SHELLEY suggested that the baby should be brought out of the car again, with the idea that when Rajah saw it come out and re-enter he would follow suit. This plan meeting a ready response and successfully the Captain's idea had the desired effect. Slowly feeling every inch of his way, and not moving more than one inch at a time, Rajah at last walked into the car.

No sooner had this feat been accomplished than a truss of hay and barrels of water were placed in each car, the barrels being removed to the middle of the cars. The Superintendent of the line also ordered a carpenter to bore several holes in each car two inches in diameter, in order to give the animals plenty of air. A baggage and passenger car was furnished for the keepers and others, and soon after they were hooked to a powerful engine was gone down the train started off amid the cheers of the crowd assembled. The cars were anxiously watched till nothing could be seen but the smoke from the engine and the cloud of dust that surrounded the cars, and nothing heard but the distant rumbling of wheels, and at occasional ding-dong from the bell.

The Irish Confederates and the Fair.

A well-attended meeting of delegates from the various clubs of the Irish Confederation was held yesterday afternoon, at Germania Hall, for the purpose of making arrangements to hold a public meeting to promote organization among Irishmen. Capt. Anderson E. Costello was called on to preside, and WILLIAM E. FOLEY was appointed Secretary. Among the speakers were Capt. McGUIRE and Dr. FLYNNE. The question of holding a public meeting was abandoned when it was made manifest that the object of the Fenian exiles had selected, "The Irish Confederation and the Cause of Ireland" for the subject of a lecture to be delivered at Cooper Institute on the evening of Monday, Aug. 7. The lecture is to be given in order to raise funds to assist Mr. Rossa's wife and family out from the old country.

Previous to the meeting the members of the General Sheridan Club of the Nineteenth met at the same place, and adopted a series of resolutions to refer to the recent riots, in which "the military massacre of the 12th of July" was characterized as "the foulest blot on the civilization of the nineteenth century."

Memorial of Prof. J. W. S. Hows.

The funeral of the late Prof. JOHN W. S. Hows took place at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon from St. Clement's Protestant Episcopal Church, and was attended by a large congregation of mourners. In the absence of the rector, Rev. Mr. FISKE, assisted by Rev. Dr. PRICE, officiated. During the reading of the burial service, the casket containing the remains was borne along the middle aisle and placed in front of the altar. At the conclusion of the exercises the congregation had an opportunity of looking at the features, which were a calm and peaceful appearance. The passage of scripture read by the officiating clergyman was from 1st Corinthians, fifteenth chapter and twentieth verse. The Dead March in Saul was played on the organ by Mr. A. A. WILD, organist. The mourners accompanied the remains to St. Mark's Cemetery, where they were placed in a receiving vault, there to remain until they are removed to their final resting place.

Meeting of the French Internationals—What They Think of the Orange Riot.

The French section, No. 1 of the International Working Men's Society met yesterday morning, in Prince-street, delegate CRAIN acting as temporary President. The subject announced for debate was "The Orange Riot and the Remedy against the Recurrence of Them." The members expressed their opinions freely and many eloquent hits at the City Government were made. The result of the debate was that the majority decided that no processions whatever, except those in honor or commemorative of American national events, should be permitted to pass through the streets of the City. The minority, only two members out of the section, were in favor of having all processions pass free and undisturbed. A resolution was adopted deploring the shedding of blood, condemning the speculating course adopted by Superintendent KELSO and Mayor HALL, and the "murderous conduct of Gen. HOFFMAN" at the eleventh hour. It was resolved that the resolution, minutes of the debate, and action of the section be placed before the Central Committee for suitable consideration, and similar action if deemed advisable.

Runaway Discouraged.

About 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon the store of the second floor of No. 458 Broadway, which had been closed as a stock, was found to have been broken open by burglars, who had filled two bags with kid gloves, and had them ready for removal, when they were frightened away by the approach of persons doing business in another part of the building, and fled, leaving the bags lying inside the door of the store. Officer HALLEY, of the Broadway Squad, was called, who notified Chief Perry of the fourth Precinct, by whose order the store was locked. The bags were found, and the premises were secured.

A Tenement-House Stabbing Affray.

At an early hour yesterday morning, the Police were called upon to quell a tumult in the frame tenement rear of No. 24 South Eighth-street, Williamsburg. On making their appearance the Police found about the gang of young loafers who reside in the neighborhood and made a raid, as some of the tenants, protesting for the payment of plunder, and that they had been robbed. During the fight a young man named ALEXANDER SCALLY was stabbed in the left side, but not dangerously. BERNARD LYON, 40 Forty-fourth-st., one of the tenants, was subsequently arrested and locked up in the Fourth-street Station-house, to answer for the felonious assault.

Base-Ball—Games This Week.

The following are the games which are to be played this week:

July 24.—Central vs. Eagle, at Hoboken.

July 25.—Burnside vs. Brooklyn, on Capitoline Ground.

July 26.—Star vs. Amateur, of Newark, on Capitoline Ground.

July 26.—Champions vs. Excelsiors, at Jersey City.

July 26.—Dramatic vs. Atlantic, of Brooklyn, at Bergen, N. J.

July 26.—Atlantic, of Brooklyn, vs. Rosedale, on Capitoline Ground.

July 26.—Harmonic vs. Resolute, of Elizabeth, on Capitoline Ground.

July 27.—Montauk vs. Union, of Bergen, at Bergen.

July 27.—Atlantic vs. Eckford, on Capitoline Ground.

July 28.—Dramatic vs. Eagle, at Bergen, N. J.

July 28.—Champion vs. Trenton, on Champion Ground.

July 28.—Star vs. Atlantic, return game, on Capitoline Ground.

Last night the Mutuals took their departure for the West to play a series of games with August 5. They play at Pittsburg to-day, at Fort Wayne on the 26th, at Chicago on the 28th and 29th, at Rockford on the 31st, at Chicago on the 1st proximo, and at Cleveland on the 3d.

Cricket Games This Week.

July 24 and 25.—New-York vs. Weinusnisset, at Hoboken.

July 26 and 27.—St. George vs. Weinusnisset, at Hoboken.

July 28.—Manhattan vs. Weinusnisset, at Hoboken. One day's match.

Today the New-York Club commences play with the Boston eleven, at Hoboken, at 12 o'clock.

Board Calendars—This Day.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Gardner, J.—Court Opens at 10 A. M.—Call of Calendar at 10.30.

Nos.	Nos.
20—Sarrells vs. The Globe Printing Co.	122—Logan, et al., vs. Skinner, et al.
84—Clarke, et al., vs. King, et al.	118—Jones vs. Samuel Schiels.
116—Gray vs. Wood.	

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—JULY 22.

FIRST BOARD.

$30,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C.	115⅞	200 N. Y. & N. H.	99 b.120
50,000 do.	115⅞	20 Ocean Bank	98
10,000 do.	115⅞	41 Del. & H. Canal	119
50,000 do.	115⅞	200 Cent. Coal of Md.	37⅛
50,000 U. S. 5-20s, '67, C.	113⅝	200 do.	37⅜
1,000 U. S. 5-20s, '67, c.	113⅝	200 do.	bot. cash 37
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1,000 U. S. 6s, Our	113⅞	200 Chevy. & Phila.	40
4,000 Ga. State 6s	88	200 do.	40⅛
1,000 Ga. State 7s	94½	200 do.	40⅜
5,000 Ga. St. 7s, G. B.	94½	200 N. Y. C. & H. R. C.	95⅞
5,000 do.	94½	100 Mich. S. & N. I. C.	83⅝
10,000 do.	94½	1000 do.	83⅝
10,000 E. Cal. 6s, new	87	500 Reading	bot. cash 101⅛
5,000 do.	87	125 Mich. Central	120
5,000 S. C. Gold Bds.	90	200 Chevy. & Phila.	40⅛
Jan. & July	89	10 do.	40⅜
1,000 do.	89	100 do.	40⅝
11,000 do.	89	200 do.	40⅞
5,000 N. C. 6s, n. Tax	37½	500 C. C. & Ind. Cen.	82
1,000 Ark. 6s, F. & A.	56	100 do.	82⅛
2,000 Erie 2d M.	85	400 do.	bot. cash 82⅛
20,000 Long Island 6s	90	100 do.	82⅜
1,000 M. S. & N. I. Gold Bds.	100	100 Chi. & N. W. Pref.	82⅝
1,000 Va. Fun. 5s	58	100 do.	82⅞
1,000 do.	57½	5 do.	83
1,000 do.	57⅝	500 C. C. & Ind. Cen.	82
1,000 do.	57⅝	100 N. J. Central	93⅛
11,000 Va. 6s, new	58	100 Chicago & R. I.	104⅛
1,000 H. & St. J. M. C. R.	104⅛	10 Tol., Wab. & W.	49
5,000 do.	104⅛	10 Pitts., F. W. & C.	99⅝
2,000 Chi. & R. I. W. Int.	99⅛	200 Han. & St. Jo.	71
2,000 Chi. & R. I. Sinking Fund	90	100 N. Y. Cent. & H. R.	163
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1,000 Chi. & R. I. & P. 1st	97⅛	200 C. & I. C.	24⅝
1,000 Tol. & W. 1st	89	60 Albany & Sus.	93
1,000 St. Louis 6s, 1st	90	100 Mo. & Miss. R.	8

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10,000 U. S. 5s, '81, C.	115⅜	100 Cle., & Pitts.	92⅛
10,000 U. S. 6s, Cur.	113⅛	200 Phila. & Read.	43⅝
10,000 do.	113⅛	100 do.	43⅝
10,000 do.	113⅛	100 Chi. & R. I.	104⅛
1,000 Ga. State 7s	94½	100 Mich. Central	120
Int. & July	90	100 Chi. & N. W.	82⅝
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The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, MONDAY, JULY 24, 1871.

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ELVIRE OU, LES FLUTTER-INN. Leading characters by Messrs. Charles Wheatleigh, Stoddart, Fisher, Miss Ella Germon and Miss Linda Price.

GERMANIA THEATRE.
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SCHNEIDER. Leading characters by Messrs. J. Allen, Forsberg, and Miss Fannie Denin.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
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ACROSS THE CONTINENT. Leading character by Oliver D. Byron.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

President THIERS made an address on Saturday in the French Assembly, in which he asserted that it was impossible for France to take any step that would result in hostilities with Italy. The true policy of the nation was peace. M. DEVIENNE, President of the Court of Cassation under the Empire, has been acquitted of complicity in the affair of MARGUERITE BELLANGER. *Le Monde* proposes that Corsica be tendered to the Pope as an inviolable asylum. Prince NAPOLEON has been ordered to leave France. Fresh prosecutions and seizures continue in Paris. The Communists convicted at Marseilles have been sentenced to imprisonment for various terms. It is thought that all sentences to death will be commuted. One of the latest arrests was that of BUISSON, commander of the Paris free-shooters. There was a debate in the French Assembly yesterday on the position of the Pope, in which President THIERS took part, and declared his intention of doing all in his power to secure the independence of the Pontiff. Count DE CHAMBORD has resigned the seat in the Assembly to which he was elected. Advices from Algeria indicate that the insurrection in that colony has been effectually crushed out. ....The Spanish Ministerial crisis is over, as Marshal SERRANO has succeeded in forming a Cabinet with Admiral TOPETE as Minister of Foreign Affairs....A deputation of Germans, Dutch and American bankers has started for this country, to examine into the North Pacific Railroad project....The report that the roof of the Mont Cenis Tunnel had fallen in is wholly incorrect....The Prince of WALES has returned from the Continent, the Princess remaining at Kissingen....The German troops are evacuating the French departments of the Eure, Somme and Seine, and will return at once to Germany. The Emperor WILLIAM is to visit the Czar at Ischeim, Bavaria.

GENERAL.

Early Saturday morning an explosion occurred in the small magazine at the Washington Arsenal, used for the preparation of rockets, lights, and shells for the Signal Corps. The explosion caused a serious conflagration, involving the destruction of at least $1,000,000 worth of Government property. The flames communicated to a frame building near by, and were carried thence to what is known as store-house No. 2. The flames were extinguished with difficulty. No lives were lost, though there were several narrow escapes.

The bridge of the South-western Railroad Company at Leavenworth will be completed this Fall, and work on the Atchison branch will soon begin.

The sale of the Pennsylvania property of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad took place at Philadelphia Saturday. Gen. GEO. B. MCCLELLAN and Senator THURMAN, of Ohio, attended to represent the Trustees of the road; REUBEN HITCHCOCK, the receiver, and a gentleman named SEDGWICK, representing the English interests. The sale was made in three parts, and altogether brought $800,000.

The Solicitor of the United States Treasury Department has rendered a decision in relation to the collection of the railroad taxes, in which he confesses that the action of Gen. PLEASONTON renders the collection of the taxes impossible, because unwise. The Government thus loses $4,000,000.

The steam-ship *Acadia*, of the Anchor line, has arrived at St. John, N. B., from Liverpool, with a full cargo, and a number of Swedish emigrants, who are proceeding to the colony in the State of Maine, on the head waters of the St. John.

The Republican State Central Committee of Massachusetts has decided to call a convention for the nomination of a candidate for Governor and other State officers at Worcester, on the 24th of September.

The Miners' League of Amador County, Cal., now that the military force has been withdrawn, demand that all the men employed by the Keystone Mine be discharged, and replaced by the old force. The two companies refuse, and the miners have armed themselves.

The first through train over the Jackson Railroad, after an intersection of over three months, will be started from the New-Orleans Depot today. The damage done to the road by the Bonnet Carre crevasse extended over a distance of thirteen miles.

GREENLEAF WHITE and Capt. DAVID CALL, both of Hallowell, Me., were drowned near Sailor's Island, at the mouth of the river, by the capsizing of a boat.

The steam-ship *Wissahickon*, Capt. COLE, arrived here yesterday from Galveston, having made the voyage in the remarkably quick time of six days and twenty hours.

The Tammany Frauds.

We publish today the account of ANDREW J. GARVEY, for plastering and repairs done chiefly to the new Court-house—for it is a surprising fact that although the new Court-house is not yet finished, and large sums of money are voted every now and then for its completion, hundreds of thousands have already been spent in repairing it. When a man is building a house he does not usually expect to have a long bill from the architect for repairs—but Messrs. HALL and CONNOLLY had no hesitation in signing the warrants for the work done, or supposed to be done, by ANDREW J. GARVEY. It will be observed that the same carelessness with regard to dates shown in these wonderful accounts extends even to the persons in whose names the checks were supposed to be made out. Thus on Dec. 28, 1869, a check was drawn for $33,333 in favor of one "FILLIPO DONAHUMMA." This was indorsed by "PHILLIP F. DUMMERY"—probably a name which was much more appropriate to the transaction than that of "DONAHUMMA." Three days afterward another check for $33,199 20 was made out for DONAHUMMA, and this time it was indorsed "FILLIP DUMMIN." The confusion in the minds of CONNOLLY and HALL with regard to DONAHUMMA, or DUMMERY, or DUMMIN, was of little consequence, seeing that the checks were also indorsed by A. J. GARVEY, so that we may conclude the money found its way into the hands for which it was intended.

As G. S. MILLER is the luckiest carpenter in the world, so ANDREW J. GARVEY is clearly the prince of plasterers. His good fortune surpasses anything recorded in the *Arabian Nights*. On one day, July 3, 1869, he received for plastering and repairs no less than $45,900 59—that is to say, warrants were made out in his name for that amount. His total receipts that same month from CONNOLLY and HALL were $153,735 14—not a bad month's returns for a plasterer. He beat that, however, in May, 1870, when he was lucky enough to receive $204,614 57—all for work done in the new Court-houses. He beat that again in the following month (June) when his work for a part of two months appears to have been worth $245,718 11. June being thus pretty well "played out," the signers of the warrants deemed it best to jump back to April—a month which they appear to have thought that they had neglected. They began by paying Mr. GARVEY for two days' repairs, thus:

April 9—Repairs on county buildings, Dec. 28, 1869.....$66,113 31
April 12—Repairs on county buildings, Dec. 31, 1869.....97,068 80
Total.....$163,182 20

A plasterer who can earn $163,187 in two days, and that in the depth of Winter, need never be poor. Altogether, Mr. ANDREW J. GARVEY received in two years—or some one received in his name—the sum of $2,870,404 06. He could certainly afford to give away the odd six cents in charity.

We place these figures with as little comment as possible before our readers. If they do not convince anybody who looks at them that the public is being defrauded on a vast scale, and that Mayor HALL and Controller CONNOLLY are privy to the frauds, all the leading articles in the world would be thrown away. We guarantee to prove the accuracy of the accounts given on our front page, and it will be observed that no Ring paper has ventured to impugn the accuracy of the figures we published on Saturday. The Mayor scornfully asks why we do not prosecute him and his confederates before a Criminal Magistrate? We answer that it is no part of the business of a newspaper to prosecute public officers; we discharge our duty when we have supplied the information on which such a prosecution may be based. If there is not public spirit enough left in the community to bring the authors of these frauds to an account, we may as well acknowledge at once that the people like to be robbed, and give up "whipping a dead horse."

The miserable attempt of the Mayor to shelter himself behind the Board of Supervisors deserves only one word. We do not believe that these accounts were ever seen by the Board of Supervisors, and even if they were, the Mayor and Controller are by no means bound to pay accounts passed by the Supervisors. On the contrary it is their duty to withhold payment when they have reason to believe that fraud is being committed—and the accounts we have published are so manifestly fraudulent that they could not deceive a child. It can only be the weakness of despair which induces the Mayor to try to throw the responsibility for these frauds on the Board of Supervisors.

On Wednesday we shall give another series of these accounts, and on Saturday we shall republish the whole of them in a complete form, and with analytical tables, and a popular explanation of all the figures.

Democrats and the Presidency.

The whole country has been thoroughly aroused by the events that occurred in New-York on the 11th and 12th of July. It is plain that one result of those events is that no man put forward by Tammany for the Presidential nomination stands a ghost of a chance of being elected. Yet it is equally plain that any one nominated against the wishes, or without the active support of Tammany, cannot carry this State. New-York is at heart Republican, and has been so ever since the war of the rebellion was inaugurated by Democrats. It was carried for the enemy in the absence of its volunteers, and it was seized by them again when HOFFMAN was declared elected, and the Seymour-Blair ticket was given the electoral vote as the result of the most daring frauds. But there is always in the State a good majority for the principles of the Republican Party. A Democratic candidate who does not command the immense resources of fraud and violence, controlled and hitherto used by Tammany, cannot carry New-York under any circumstances. These facts will place the National Convention of the Democracy, as soon as it meets, between the two horns of a dilemma. It cannot allow Tammany to name its candidate, with the sure and bitter prospect of his being defeated; and it cannot afford to defy Tammany, and so lose the only State of any weight in the Union which the party now controls. As a nomination at the behest of Tammany, however, would not only insure immediate and crushing defeat, but fasten on the party a stain nearly as bad as that of sympathy with treason, it is probable that Tammany will be practically ignored. In this case, the State will unquestionably be the gainer. Much of the patience with which Democrats have regarded the outrageous behavior of Tammany, has arisen from a feeling that in one way or another that wretched cabal was the representative of the party in the State. It has never been possible to give full effect to the exposures which we have been making of the villainy of Tammany, because of the sympathy of partisans with what they regarded as the general ends of the organization. But if the Democrats whose stolidity has been sustaining Tammany, come to see, as they soon must, that the cowardice and corruption of that gang have ruined the hopes of the party for 1872 in this State, and so in the country, a main prop of its rascality will be drawn from under it. If the National Convention should, then, elect to free the party in the nation from the heavy burden of disgrace imposed by the leadership of the New-York corruptionists, Tammany may not only be stobched but killed. This is a consummation devoutly to be wished, not only for the State, but for the nation. Bad as is the record of the Democracy, it is worse in this State than in the country at large, and the party contains the nucleus of a decent, honorable, and desirable Opposition. In spite of its many worthless leaders, and notwithstanding the overwhelming mass of "copperheads" who took possession of it during the war, and have shaped its policy to its own and their ruin ever since, there are still in the Democratic ranks large numbers of energetic, spirited, and honest men who revolt at the company they are obliged to keep, but who differ conscientiously from the Republican Party. The downfall of Tammany would be their opportunity. With this incubus off their shoulders, and with even a bare chance of swinging the party fairly into line with the general sentiment of the country, while maintaining a legitimate opposition on questions of national policy, the progressive and sincere men of the Democracy would be capable of great efforts. The nation would then see what it has longed for, an Opposition which could be tolerated without disgrace, and the possibility of whose triumph would not be full of danger. Honest Democrats ought to be even more anxious to get rid of the Tammany faction than Republicans themselves.

The Celebrated Mr. Home.

Mr. HOME, the "medium," seems to be rapidly assuming the character of a "first-class" enigma. No sooner is he shown, on eminent authority, to be an impostor, than other authority, no less eminent, comes forward to prove him to be a genuine thaumaturgus. For example, an English nobleman, Lord ADAIR, not long since published a curious little book, testifying, on his personal knowledge, to the performance of the most surprising feats by Mr. HOME. Among these were many that can scarcely be explained on any known theory of physical forces, such as flosting in and out of windows, holding in the naked hand red-hot coals, floating about a room, and the like. This was an intelligent witness, stating what he had seen and believed to proceed from no known natural causes, and his testimony seemed hard to combat.

Then Mr. HOME went to St. Petersburg, and was received with hostile incredulity. A committee of *savans* was at once formed to unmask his imposture. Chief of these was one M. ZEON, who recounts in a letter to the St. Petersburg *Gazette* what he deems the entire discomfiture of the medium. Mr. HOME proposed to the *savans* certain conditions by which his trial was to be limited, and which M. ZEON describes rather vaguely as different altogether from those usual in like cases, and "rather resembling the precautions of a conjuror to prevent discovery of his tricks." One of these conditions was, that the number of spectators should be limited to eight, and of these, two should be witnesses for Mr. HOME. The conditions were accepted by the *savans*, notwithstanding they so greatly favored the medium, "because the majority of the Committee considered Mr. HOME to be rather a poor prestidigitateur." In their scientific opinion "his whole power lay in being able to bring those on whom he acted into that peculiar psychical condition in which a simple trick appears to be a mysterious phenomenon."

In spite of all these advantages, Mr. HOME shirked four or five successive appointments, and finally, excusing himself on the ground that the weather had diminished his spiritualistic powers, fled ignominiously to England. It is perhaps not unnatural that under these suspicious circumstances M. ZEON should regard his discomfiture as complete, or that many folk unwillingly persuaded of his uncanny power, should have breathed more freely. But the reasoning of these worthy *savans* was after all as fallacious as it was natural. It proceeded on the assumption of what was designed to be proved, that Mr. HOME was only a poor sort of prestidigitateur, and on that assumption his flight could have but one reasonable interpretation. But granting him the possession of the mysterious power he claims, and the syllogism of the Russian savans ceases to be so satisfactory. A committee of their English brethren who have more recently investigated Mr. HOME, seem to have brought to their work a more judicial temper at least, if not a more logical mind. Their report, just made public in the *Popular Science Review*, is equally curious and startling.

The Committee consisted of Mr. CROOKES, a distinguished chemist, Fellow of the Royal Society, and editor of the *Review*; Dr. HUGGINS, the astronomer, also of the Royal Society, and Mr. Sergeant COX. They subjected Mr. HOME to many careful experiments, which have gone far to convince them of the existence of a certain nervous force which they call "psychic," and which Sergeant COX believes to be propagated from one individual to another through a certain "nervous atmosphere of various intensity enveloping the human structure." This is probably identical with the brain-wave theory of magnetic influences which scientists some years ago started to account for the phenomena of mental sympathy illustrated notably by clairvoyance and the workings of the toy called "Planchette." In BULWER'S *Strange Story*, it will be remembered, a somewhat similar theory is elaborated with great ingenuity.

Some of the experiments vouched for by these gentlemen are certainly exceedingly strange. Hitherto Mr. HOME'S wonders have usually been achieved in the dark, light, according to the mediums, lessening the spiritualistic forces. But this time they were conducted in full view of these trained and keen inquirers, eager to detect the slightest deception or vulgar legerdemain. In one of the experiments, an accordeon was inclosed in a copper-wire cage, through the top of which only one of Mr. HOME'S hands could be inserted, to hold the accordeon by the top. This apparatus was put under the table at which the Committee sat with Mr. HOME, two of them pressing on his feet with theirs, while one of his hands was placed on the table and the other inserted in the opening of the cage. In this position the instrument "first began to vibrate and then to play tunes."

Mr. CROOKES' hand, placed on that one of Mr. HOME'S which touched the accordeon, meanwhile "found it absolutely still." And even when both the mediums' hands were held above the table, the instrument continued to float about in the cage and to play. Again, Mr. CROOKES had prepared, without the slightest previous knowledge by Mr. HOME, a sort of rough balance-scale, with a self-registering index to note the amount of pressure applied to it. Standing on this, Mr. CROOKES, whose weight is 140 pounds, could indicate a pressure of only one and a half pounds, or two pounds when he jumped up and down. Mr. HOME, "sitting in a low easy chair, simply applied his fingers lightly" at a point near the fulcrum of the lever, and the index marked a fluctuating pressure of from three and a half to six pounds.

How to explain facts like these, asserted on the authority of such capable and unimpeachable witnesses, M. ZEON himself might find a difficult task. We may, indeed, say that by Mr. HOME'S peculiar art these English scientists have been brought into that "peculiar psychical condition in which a simple trick appears a mysterious phenomenon." But, if these gentlemen do not rate Mr. HOME as a juggler, they are certainly careful not to express belief in his supernatural pretensions. Whether we accept the facts they have elicited as having proved that "in the presence of certain specially gifted or specially organized individuals, a force develops itself which produces without contact many of the results of muscular effort," they are at least sufficiently remarkable and important to be worthy of diligent scientific inquiry. It has long been a dream with what we may call sentimental psychologists that such a force existed. Its discovery would explain many of those mysteries of spiritualism which baffle the learned and appall the ignorant. As has so often happened before in the slow march of human enlightenment, mediums may perhaps prove to be only premature philosophers versed, it may be unconsciously, in the knowledge of things dimly understood, or not at all, by the mass of mankind.

A New Mermaid.

Lovers of the wonderful have lately suffered a great shock in the untimely death of the two-headed child, which departed this life the other day at Boston, whither it had been taken for exhibition. Its death seems to have been quite as curious as its life, for one of its heads is reported to have died some hours before the other. The disconsolate mourners over this prodigy may find comfort, however, in the real live mermaid, which an enterprising Texan has discovered in Forked Deer River. To be sure this mermaid has not yet been caught, and even the most curious would hesitate before incurring the expense and trouble of a trip to Texas to see it. But we know that the voice of BARNUM is abroad in the land, and that sooner or late that mermaid will be enjoying her syren song in some sequestered tank in his new museum. We therefore feel the less reluctance to whet the expectation of our readers by a description of the new wonder's manifold charms.

In all matters like this, lying a little out of the ordinary course of nature, it is well to have the facts authenticated by unimpeachable testimony. There are always scoffers eager to disbelieve, who will pick flaws in the most fascinating marvels. There are even people incredulous about the sea-serpent and the wild man. We are glad, therefore, to be able to state that the present information comes to us on the authority of a member of the Legislature elect. To be sure he did not see the mermaid himself, but he knows the man who did, and he vouches for him "as a reliable and truthful man." The name of the favored person is J. B. MAXEY, and when we add that he is also "an intelligent citizen," and that he keeps a hotel, we do not see how the most cynical can longer withhold credence from the wonders he relates. On the 7th of July, then, Mr. MAXEY was fishing—a pastime said to be favorable to the development of the imaginative faculties. "His attention was called to an object on the river some fifty yards distant, which presented the appearance of a man drowning." It is creditable to Mr. MAXEY'S humanity that he at once abandoned his fishing, and "rowed his boat to within ten feet" of the supposed drowning man. From this discreet distance, he contemplated what must be conceded to be a "remarkable creature." According to Mr. MAXEY, "it had a face perfectly white, with features like those of a human being. It had something like moss on its head, instead of hair, and its neck was longer than the neck of a man." So far this is admirable, all but the moss, which we absolutely refuse to accept. It must have been sea-weed, of course, with which Mr. MAXEY, from his inland life, is probably not familiar. What follows is even more attractive. "Its body down to the waist, or so much of it as was exposed," says this careful witness with a precision which increases our confidence at once, "was covered with black and white spots. It was as large as an ordinary man, and had large black eyes." Mr. MAXEY, however, though he surveyed the creature for ten minutes, "did not see any arms." It looked at him and slowly turned round and disappeared in the water.

This account of mermaids, it will be seen, somewhat differs from the descriptions given by Mr. TENNYSON and other received authorities. It is worthy of note that Mr. MAXEY'S mermaid was seen at the same place three years ago by another witness, who, not sharing Mr. MAXEY'S fortitude, "did not tell of it because he thought he would be laughed at." He now makes tardy confession to our worthy legislator, as also to two others, who are apparently less "reliable," or truthful, or intelligent than Mr. MAXEY, as the prudent law-giver does not vouch for these, but introduces them in an off-hand way as "saying that they saw the same thing." For ourselves we do not need this doubtful corroboration. We are quite willing to accept Mr. MAXEY'S unvarnished and unsupported tale as "reliable," truthful, and intelligent in the highest degree. So many marvels appear to flourish in Southern waters that this new one is no surprise to us, and we hope Mr. BARNUM will lose no time in dispatching a trusty agent to translate the Forked Deer River mermaid to a more congenial sphere and a wider field of usefulness.

Children's Rights.

Many classes in the community are continually crying out for their rights, and those who can do any harm or good to the politicians are more or less attentively listened to, get many promises, and if they take their observations at long intervals, may be able to see that they are really making some progress; but there is one class, very large collectively, although individually small, who cry as loud as the loudest, and "with no language but a cry," but who receive very small consideration at the hands of those who take it upon themselves to shape the destinies of the nation. We refer to the very important class in society, the babies. That particular member of this great class who bore the somewhat peculiar patronymic of GINX was not the only individual who has borne grievous wrongs at the hands of his fellow-beings of a larger growth, and most of them have rights which are almost wholly ignored.

It is an old notion, but not the more sound on account of its age, that parents alone have any authority in dealing with the infantile portion of the community. The State and the general public have an immense interest in the proper commencement of the career of their citizens. The expense, the trouble, and the dangers in the administration of public affairs spring in a large measure from the ignorance and the unruly passions of the criminal and degraded classes; and the seeds whose harvest is garnered in prisons and almshouses, and whose rank and violent growth requires more care and control than the good institutions which they are continually overrunning and destroying, are sown and take speedy root among the swarms of children in our great cities. If anywhere "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," it is in the prolific field in which the "dangerous classes" are bred. Influences might be carried to them, or they might be brought to influences, which, if properly directed, would disarm them of the weapons which they will be so ready to turn against their fellow-creatures, and even against the life of the State. Not only on its own account has the State a right to interfere, if necessary, in the management of children, but it owes its care and protection to them for the sake of their own well-being. They have a right to be protected against their parents even, and against themselves, and the circumstances in which they are born. We need a little of the old Spartan doctrine, which regarded children as the wards of the nation, to be trained up for good citizens. Give a little attention to your citizens in the earliest stages of their growth, and they will not need so much looking after when they are grown up, and have power for good or evil in the community. It is nonsense to plead that it is the duty and the exclusive right of parents to take charge of the nurture and training of their offspring. Of course it is their duty, but in thousands of instances that duty is not performed. Of course it is their right, and their right before all other authority, but if that right is neglected or abused, then the people have rights which must be guarded, and the children themselves have rights, which the State is bound to see secured, in view of their future importance, if not in the interests of humane feeling.

To come down to the more practical aspects of this subject, one of the most important duties of the ruling powers is the protection of the life and health of the citizens, and the merest glance at our mortuary statistics, and a hasty passage through the crowded quarters of this City, reveal a terrible neglect in this particular, so far as regards the important class for which we are pleading. The filth of the streets, which it is a public duty to have cleared away; the wretched, reeking hovels and tenements, in which no being whose life is of value to the State should be allowed to remain; the rotten, unwholesome food, which no man should be allowed to sell to another, combined with the cruelty and neglect of parents, which should also be made a subject for official attention far more than it is—together form an array of forces against the feeble strength of infancy which make it a matter of wonder that any children at all survive in these miserable slums. Another matter of vast importance is the education of these youthful hordes. There are in this City today thousands upon thousands of children who receive no instruction of any kind. The dangers which we are under from persons who have grown up under exactly the same conditions should warn us that it is the policy, as well as the duty, of the public to provide for the education of all the children in the community, and to compel them to profit by the provision, unless they are educated equally well in some other way.

Postal Letter-Boxes.

Perhaps no improvement instituted by the General Government met with greater favor at the time of its inauguration than the establishment in our large cities of a regular system of letter deliveries and street-boxes. The want was so apparent that when it was supplied every one thought it strange that the remedy had been so long delayed, and now that the custom has worn itself into a necessity, its very late origin seems almost incredible. But while admitting the many advantages we have thus far derived from the present system, it is impossible not to see that there is still room for improvement, and that in several particulars a very slight modification would add greatly to its general usefulness. The improvements we would suggest apply especially to this City, as in other places they have, in part, at least, been already adopted.

It is generally understood that the letters in the street-boxes situated in the lower part of the City are collected from them nine times a day; but there is the same want of uniformity in these collections which greatly interferes with their usefulness in the opinions of those to whom quick dispatch is a matter of consequence. Then, too, in order to make the boxes useful to the great majority of letter-writers, there should be a notice of the regular hours for collections, and the mails in which the letters thus collected would go, placed on each box. Thus the following might be placed on a box on Park-row: "Letters collected at 8½ P. M. will go in mails closing at 9 P. M." &c. These notices, which are at present in vogue in other cities, are made of cast-iron, so that they cannot be destroyed, and are securely fastened to each box. By this very simple means any person who is familiar with the time-table by which the mails are made up at the General Post-office could tell at a glance when his letters would be likely to reach their destination—a certainty which the present irregularity wholly prevents, and for this reason alone the boxes are used only to a limited extent by business men.

Another improvement is needed in the newspaper department. It does not seem to be universally known that letter-carriers are not obliged to collect the newspapers or packages they may find on the tops of the letter-boxes. That they do in many cases collect them, is a favor done at the request, though not at the command, of the Post-master; but a large portion of the matter thus placed on the boxes is lost or stolen. It is stated in defense that if papers were taken, the entire issues of many periodicals would be sent in this way, and that it would be necessary to hire several offices as points of collection. This, indeed, might be the case were boxes placed expressly for newspapers, in which case collections might be made twice or three times a day by means of wagons; but until this is done it would be better for the Postmaster to wholly forbid the acceptance of newspapers, than to pursue the present half-way policy.

MINOR TOPICS.

Whenever Mayor HALL is accused of aiding and abetting frauds on the City Treasury, he tries to throw the responsibility on the old Board of Supervisors—as though he and CONNOLLY were obliged to sign warrants for claims, which they know to be swindles, merely because they once passed the Board of Supervisors. Now it is well known that the leading spirit of the old Board of Supervisors was "Boss" TWEED, and, whatever stealing was done in that Board, TWEED got the lion's share. Yet when Mayor HALL made his appointments of heads of departments under the new Charter, who did he appoint as head of the Department of Public Works—the Department which, above all others, affords the largest opportunities for fraudulent expenditure of the public money? None other than "Boss" TWEED. But the old Board of Supervisors has been out of existence for nearly a year and a half. The present Board is composed of the Aldermen and the Mayor; the Mayor is President of the Board, and *his single vote can defeat any measure that comes before it.* On HALL, therefore, rests the sole responsibility for any and all acts of the present Board. Now, we desire to ask Mayor HALL two questions. They are questions which we have already asked twice before, and which have not been answered. Did or did not the Board of Supervisors, at their meeting on the first or second week in June last, approve and pass a bill of one KELLY, a carpenter, of the Twenty-first Ward, for twenty-eight thousand dollars, purporting to be for carpenter-work done in the Marine Court? If yes, then we desire to ask what is the fair value of the work done? We stand ready to furnish twenty respectable carpenters, who understand their business, and who would be glad to do the work for six hundred dollars.

Yesterday M. THIERS was reported as making a very equivocal speech on the Papal question in the National Assembly. Today he is represented as having declared that nothing even tending to a breach with Italy must be done. As this is the only sensible view to take, and as M. THIERS has certainly shown sense so far in his policy, the latter report is probably the correct one. Meanwhile, *Le Monde* renews the curious proposition to cede Corsica to the Pope as an inviolable asylum, or "preserve the prestige of France" as defender of the Faith. As France has just been thrashed by the second Protestant Power in the world, and as all other Catholic Powers in Europe have dropped the Pope because they could not endure his intolerant pretensions, the "prestige" of defending him hardly seems worth preserving.

Another outrage on the Democratic Party has been committed at Washington. The decision of twenty-nine Assistant Assessors in New-York has been determined upon, and further reduction is to follow. This is "the surgery" of one of the few planks the Democracy have left to cling to in their platforms. If the Republican Administration keeps on in this way reducing expenses, increasing the revenue and advancing the public credit, it will deserve the stinging rebuke recently administered to it by Hon. ALEX. DELMAR, that an adverse vote cannot propose a decent reform which it does not immediately carry out.

It must be cheerful news to the English that the insatiable Germans know more about the war ships and the ports of England, than many of the naval officers in Her Majesty's service. A correspondent of the London *News* had the felicity the other day, of hearing a German naval officer with whom he was lunching in a Berlin restaurant, say: "Upon my word, I know the ships of your fleet better than your own young officers." After stating that every German ship was provided with accurate charts of the naval ports of the world, the officer went on to say, "L'Orient is a very difficult port to make; I would not like to say that without a pilot. Plymouth! there's not a Lieutenant in the German Navy who could not take a ship into Plymouth in the night time." The marvelous thoroughness of German information regarding France during the late war, was contemporaneously disclosed by a portion of the English Press as the result of the "spy system." But a system so full of foresight and so wonderfully effective, cannot be always opposed with an epithet.

The conscientious Democratic journals which refused to utter a plaint over the alleged outrages of the Reform Committee on the Democratic ballots, when they knew that the Democratic Committee had done the same thing, are now loud in their denunciation of the Republican Committee for having followed their example.

It is reported that the work on the new Court-house is about to be stopped, in consequence of a scarcity of funds. The Legislature last Winter appropriated $750,000 to complete the building, which, with the appropriations previously made, represents the enormous sum of $6,420,000, for "completing" the new Court-house. Out of the sum appropriated last Winter, probably ten thousand dollars has been actually expended. What has become of the remaining $740,000? Will Controller CONNOLLY have the kindness to inform the public?

The *Tribune* of the 18th inst. follows up its charges against Senators CONKLING and CARPENTER by trying to fasten on them the responsibility for the indictment of Messrs. WHITE and RANDALL, the Washington correspondents of the *Tribune*. That paper ought to know that the law of the land compelled the President of the Senate to take the action before the Grand Jury which resulted in the indictment. Messrs. CARPENTER and CONKLING cannot decently be attacked on account of the operation of this law. The spirit which dictates the denunciations of Messrs. CARPENTER and CONKLING seems to be one of party malice, and consequently truth and justice are disregarded.

It is a good thing to have an abundance of fruit during the hot season, but those who eat much of it should be careful to have the fruit fresh and sound. Peaches, which are sold in great numbers at the street stands and in the markets, are very wholesome when fully ripe and perfectly sound, but it is not an easy thing to secure both these conditions, and unripe or rotten peaches are of all things the most dangerous to health. And yet there are hundreds of this sort of fruit sold every day, especially from carts in the streets. It is said even that the decayed remnants of the stock which no one will eat in an undisguised state, are disposed of to bakers, who dish them up in delusive little tarts and pies. Is it any wonder that hundreds of children are dying every week of diarrhœa?

The departure, yesterday, of the deputation from Ceylon for the cooler regions of Canada, the arrival of which was described in yesterday's TIMES, was a sort of miniature pageant. The noble members of the deputation were furnished with special cars by Commodore VANDERBILT, at the princely ratio of one car to two individuals, while a common passenger-coach was provided for the attendants. One of the company, who sports the title of Rajah, and keeps a great number of armed men about him constantly in his most ordinary journeys, objected to his quarters, and made the railroad officials some trouble. He was, however, finally pacified.

The Ring and the Rev. Mr. D. C. Crawford.

The Tammany Ring of political tricksters was vigorously denounced, yesterday, from the pulpit of the Eighteenth-street M. E. Church, by Rev. M. D. C. CRAWFORD, who preached a sermon supplementary to that at the funeral of the late Mr. FEITH, one of the victims of the riot. Mr. CRAWFORD alluded to the necessity of preserving law and order, even, if necessary, at the sacrifice of the lives of half the community, but held it even then to be of little effect in enervating the dignity of the law when the politicians of the Ring removed the power to extricate their vicious constituents from the meshes of the law, that they might go unpunished. The sermon was powerful, and delivered with much vigor. It was attentively listened to.

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Comments of Their Rubbish Journals.

From the Brooklyn Union.

After quoting the Mayor's defense, the Brooklyn Union says:

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Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.

A Representative, JOHN E. MORRIS, came up to me at the Rabbit House, and said: "Garn, you don't believe in Kuklux. Here is Mr. HUGGINS, of my Congressional district, who received seventy lashes from them. He has come to testify before the investigating Committee." Mr. MORRIS is a dark-skinned Tennessean, aged forty, who served from the beginning to the end of the war in the rebel army. He lives at Pontotoc, in north-eastern Mississippi; was born in Tennessee; has served in both the Tennessee and Mississippi State Legislatures, and has twice come to Congress as a Republican from his adopted State. He has a tolerable good face, and a conciliatory, discreet address.

"They wanted me to testify before the committee," he said, "but I don't think it prudent. I have a wife and five children living at Pontotoc, and, having worked as hard as I could to break up the United States for four years, I don't know that it would look very reasonable to be so zealous about showing up my late neighbors and associates."

"Did you ever see any Kuklux, Col MORRIS?"

"Never but once, and that was a few weeks ago, right at home. We have a pretty Horace-Maynard Republican editor there, and he has been told several times that on one of the Kuklux rides they would whip him. While I was at home one evening, a party of Union folks were playing cards and holding a little time at the jail. A man ran in and said that the town was full of Kuklux, at which the jail party seized their double-barreled shot guns, darted into the street, and gave the whole mounted clan a volley. Six or seven were wounded; one fell dead and was left, and several of the horses were killed. A quantity of masks and dresses were thrown aside in the panic, and these were all picked up and are now kept at the jail. I worked over next morning and saw the young man's corpse. He lived in my town and was one of my constituents several people. Undoubtedly there are plenty of Kuklux, Sir. They ride at least once a week, and there are not less than 500 to the county in the north-eastern part of the State. The suits which I have seen were merely common black glazed muslin, cloak and cover, trimmed sometimes with white down the back. The horses' necks are covered with red muslin to disguise them sufficiently. You know I have never been a very ardent anti-Kuklux, but the time is past for doubt about the reality of the matter. There are about four thousand of them in northern Mississippi. They keep up people after the gang warning, and kill them after the second. These Kuklux are generally some subordinate Democratic politicians, the bulk are dead beats, 'He-outs,' and some are young men and farmers who have grown up since the war, and take the matter traditionally. Now and then tolerably fair-standing citizens join the movement. The Kuklux boil reaches from Corinth to Meriden. HUGGINS here, who is a northern man, thinks that 500 troops would quiet Mississippi. As an old rebel Colonel, I tell you, Sir, the regular army of the United States ought to be raised to 100,000 men. It is not big enough for its work, and some of the Confederates now hot on the Kuklux were the chief instruments to cut the army down from its efficiency."

"Are there any extenuating reasons for the existence of these Kuklux?" "Yes. Two! Everybody our way is in debt, and many want no law at all—no Courts, no taxes collected, no juries of Kuklux under indictment. Kuklusism in Mississippi is, in part, a Democratic movement. Again, the crops have failed this year in the Gelt region generally. We shall not have half a crop of cotton, and little corn. This makes people despondent and resentful. Beyond these evil providences, the State Government is terrible. The debt of the State Government last year, cost $1,100,000, to $360,000 in former years of prosperity. This makes growling, and gives space for such terrible censure as that of ETHELL BARKSDALE, the editor of the *Clarion*, at Jackson, a brother of the Congressman BARKSDALE, killed at Gettysburg. He is the head of the violent crew there, and is a shrewd politician. His paper is calling money. The Democrats, however, in our Legislature vote with the worst Republicans for jobs, and take job money. Some of them supported TOMBBY'S recent scheme to take $20,000,000 from the people at a click, by making good the old repudiated bonds. The Lieutenant-Governor left his chair and denounced the Democratic corruptionists. Things are worse in many respects in Mississippi for Democrats than they were in 1860. Hell is out there. At Oxford, the other day, before the United States Court, Lawyer LAMAR denounced a witness and drew a chair upon him. The Marshal came between, and LAMAR knocked him down and beat more of a counterbuff. Judge HILL lost his nerve, and the Oxford University students and the eighteen Kuklux in the dock cheered, hallooed, and stripped for a fight. At last the United States military were marched into the court-room to restore order. This account did not see, but read all about it. The Government must either be seen in the South, or you must let that section relapse. In my judgment, the whole region is sliding back into barbarism. Personally, I have never been molested, because I keep resolutely quiet, and my old rebel soldiery, most of whom are slaves, are devoted, quiet people, as are the real rebel soldiery. In short, I shall not see me injured." "How about your Senatorial delegation?" "REVELS has gone into a college. He was a good-natured old fellow, of no force. ALCORN has not yet taken his seat. Senator has all the patronage of the State. He does not reside there. He is a very efficient, peremptory military officer, who made law respected while commander, but we think he has missed his vocation as Senator. However, I am no authority in these matters. I was disabled in the rebel army; two brothers were killed standing beside me on the same side, and my two other brothers lost an arm looking in the same direction. What I want is peace and civilization, and we are very far from it. Mr. HUGGINS here will tell you what the Kuklux are in reality."

I turned around, and found in Mr. HUGGINS a dozen almost silken-haired man, with light eyes, a good forehead, thin legs, no stomach of consequence, and a very quiet, sad, weary address. He is from Niles, Mich., talks with intelligence and dignity, and was indorsed by Mr. MORRIS as being a cool, persevering, disciplined soldier and public officer. He did not weigh above 120 pounds, and had a weak, pale look. He bore the air of one of their feisty with whips, as a servant of the United States, and reported that a calvalry which paraded by midnight in sailor dresses, and numbers among its Templars TENNESSEE, MOSBY and JEFF. DAVIS.

What were you beaten for, Mr. HUGGINS?"

"Nothing personal. I was the United States Assessor, and had found a number of colored schools. Notifications of various kinds were sent me, but I paid no attention to them, and every week although they have decorated me with a hooping. I go through my district without molestation. The reason is that they are cowards, who would murder me if I feared them; but I have concealed in my room a company of regular infantry in there, and although my keeping of death in seat many weeks, they will do nothing with me except by treachery." "How happened your whipping?" "I was off on my official business, and had stopped for the night at a man's house. They must have been well organized, because they were able in that single evening to gather about 100 men. About 12 o'clock, while I was fast asleep, the man in whose I stopped came up and told me the house was surrounded with men, who demanded that I should come down to them. I said him to go and say that, having retired to rest, and having no business at that time of night, I declined to get up, and scarcely quitted me when a light fire was started before the house, and men in dominoes and masks began to approach the dwelling with torches. The family entreated me to leave and spare their property, so I put on my clothes and descended into the yard. At the threshold I received assurances from the leader that if I would come out and have my 'warning' read to me not a hair of my head would be injured. This warning, he said, he was required to give me in the presence of the whole company. I stood within the yard fence leaning upon it. I was as cool as ever in my life, and all the party, as far as I could observe, were sober, and the speakers of it to accord to be men of intelligence. They said to me that my presence in the county was repugnant to them; that they wanted nothing to do with the Yankee Government, 'no how,' and that if I would promise to leave within ten days I should not be molested; otherwise, I would at first be whipped, and afterward, unless missing of my own volition, made away with. After a few minutes, I assured the leader that I would leave, nor promise to leave, not recognizing their authority, and consequence of no crime. In that instant they were upon me, on every side. My clothes were torn from my back, and I was ordered to receive seventy lashes. They were applied with a needle strong, with astonishing force that I soon became unconscious. When I recovered they were holding me up, and they read my second warning. Then, parading in order before me, they all rode off into the woods."

A Fight With a Rattlesnake.

A Minnesota paper, the Lansdsboro *Herald*, of the 4th, says: "Last week Sunday, as a Norwegian girl, living some four miles from this place, was walking along the road, she passed directly in front of, and very close to, a large rattlesnake that was just coming out of the grass into the road. This unceremonious action seemed to make her unalterably very wroth, and he immediately sounded the battle alarm by rattling his gong. The girl well knew the sound, and decided to obtain the location of her ugly foe, which she soon did, and instead of running screaming or fainting, looked about for something with which to defend herself. She could find nothing, nor had she long time to look, for the snake, with eyes glistening, rattles in motion, mouth wide open, and his tongue darting back and forth, was close upon her. But she was plucky to the back-bone and did not propose to surrender the field without a fight; in fact, retreat was out of the question, for the snake was within arm's reach of her—so, keeping her eye steadily on the snake's head, she brandished the club which she held, moving it back and forth, up and down, in every direction, in the midst of which she struck the snake on the head with the club, and in a moment the snake was dead. She then found a stone and pounded off the rattles to keep as a trophy. There were nineteen rattles, and she says it was the largest rattlesnake she ever saw."

THE RECENT TORNADO.

Full Particulars of the Storm and Flood in Western Missouri—How an Old Man and His Two Daughters Met with a Horrible Death.

The St. Joseph *Gazette*, of July 16, gives the following particulars of the recent terrible storm in that vicinity:

From the bluffs on the north and east the waters came dashing down every street and avenue, wending their way to Patestown, which was soon perfectly flooded. On Olive-street and in the neighborhood of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Depot, the water was fully four feet deep, and in the various streets leading to these thoroughfares, perfect torrents surged along, threatening with destruction everything that came in their way. The streets were deserted, the cellars were flooded, and in every house the inmates were busy battling with the elements to save their furniture from damage and destruction. The cloud which poured forth the deluge came up from the north-west, and so rapid were its movements that they were upon us before we noticed it, hovered over the city. There it rested for a time, and then moved off in a south-easterly direction. So far as we can ascertain, the storm was limited to a breadth of about eight miles. Its length we have been unable to learn. On the north it struck the bluffs near the mile or Nodaway Station, on the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs Railroad, having evidently crossed from Kansas, and followed the river down. On the west the effects were felt about a mile this side of Wathena. On the south there was but a slight rain at Rushville. On the south-east no damage was done beyond Gower Station, on the St. Louis and St. Joseph Railroad, and on the line of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad but little worthy of note occurred beyond Osborn.

On the river the gale of wind which came sweeping down the Big Muddy was tremendous, and for a time threatened the destruction of all the shipping in port. Not two minutes before the storm came on, the splendid steamer *Glasgow* came in. She had just time to reach the harbor, land, unmoor her ropes, and not yet run out the gang-plank when the gale struck. The shock was tremendous, and the gallant old boat rocked to and fro with such violence as to alarm all on board. There was quite a number of passengers on board for California, and these, with the crew, hurried to the bow, and were with the utmost difficulty prevented from plunging into the water in their anxiety to reach shore. Capt. WILL LIAMOTHER, the gentlemanly and efficient clerk, by his presence of mind, saved many from self-destruction. Armed with a Bible and hymn-book, (which had been presented to him by an old lady tourist,) he took the tripod from the top of the centre of the panic-stricken crowd, sang a few verses, and delivered an exhortation that brought tears to the eyes of the most hardened roustabout on board. The smoke-stacks of the boat were buried over and came crashing down on the hurricane deck, smashing it in for a few feet, and adding for a moment to the general alarm, but fortunately the boat was safely landed without further damage, and the passengers and crew got safely landed on shore. Capt. HERBY JOHNSON, the pilot, held his post firmly at the wheel, and aided greatly in preventing what might have been a serious catastrophe. The damage was fourteen days out from St. Louis, and had one of the worst trips ever made on the river. She sheltered the transfer-boat *Baldwin* from the gale, otherwise the latter might have been seriously injured. The steamb ferry-boat *Denver* stood the storm bravely, although her veteran clerk spent two hours in his night-clothes on deck watching the gale.

The main force of the storm only extended three miles the other side of the river. At Elwood, the storm was particularly severe. The round-house and blacksmith-shop of the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad were picked up and carried off, no one knows where. Pressed-brick chimneys and tenement houses were blown over yesterday morning to mix up the remnants of the buildings, but up to a late hour last night they had only succeeded in finding two rafters. Mrs. BAXTER'S house in Elwood was also lifted from its foundations and carried off in the breeze. The timber, for three miles west of Elwood, was blown in every direction, and a perfect blockade existed on the macadamized road, yesterday, occasioned by the fallen timber.

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Crown Diamonds of France.

From the Boston Transcript, July 21.

The crown diamonds of France possess a value almost fabulous in their historical associations added to their intrinsic worth. One of them, called the Sancy, forms the subject of many anecdotes. It was once pledged by its possessor, HANLAY DE SANCY, in order to raise Swiss troops to aid HENRY III. in resisting the League. When DE SANCY started for Switzerland to negotiate the affair, he dared not carry the treasure himself, but confided it to a faithful retainer, not so well known as himself, who was to take it by another route, and join him beyond the frontier. Arrived at the rendezvous, the master failed to meet his servant, and hurrying to Strasbourg, learned that he had been dead a fortnight. Convinced that the devoted fellow would not part with the valuable diamond, even in death, his master had the body disinterred and examined, but without result, until he bethought himself to open the mouth of the deceased, in which he found the treasure safely preserved.

The Oldest Inhabitant—Reminiscences of a Man 134 Years Old.

From the Kansas City Journal, July 18.

On Saturday evening last, the oldest man in the State, if not the oldest man anywhere, died in Kansas City. His name was JACOB FOURNAIS, but known to everybody who knew him at all as "Old Peno," (or Pinau.) Nobody knew his exact age, not even himself, but he was known as an old man when men now fourscore were children. He was a Canadian Frenchman by birth, but for more than half a century was a hunter and trapper in the employ of the fur company, one of the French *coyageurs*, as they were called—most of that time, with Major ANDREW DRIPPS, the father of Mr. CHARLES A. DRIPPS, and father-in-law of Mr. WILLIAM MULBERY, at whose house he died, and where he had been kindly and affectionately cared for during the last thirty years. He was never sick, and only a few minutes before he died was walking about the room. He said to the family in the morning that he would "never see the sun go down again," and just before sunset the machine stopped, and the old man was dead. He was buried, yesterday, in the Catholic burying-ground, the funeral services being conducted by the venerable clergyman Father DONNELLY, who had known him for more than a quarter of a century. His age was entered on the census roll last year as 134 years, which is as near as, from the best evidences, it could be fixed. Sixteen years ago, when Gen. WOOD first knew him, he was hale and hearty, and his memory and his faculties strong and unimpaired, and we took great interest in talking with him, and in various conversations running through many years we were satisfied as to the fact of his age being over 130 years. His own memory is borne out by the testimony of others. His recollection of important events was very good, and as he was an illiterate man, his memory held to isolated occurrences, and his history as obtained from reading books. This, while it made his information fragmentary and unsatisfactory as to the history of that early period of his life, yet afforded the best evidence as to his great age. He said he was working in the woods on a piece of land that had been cleared a few years before, when WOLFE was killed on the heights of Abraham. This was Sept. 24, 1759, and from what he told of his life previous to that, must then have been over twenty-one years of age. Thinking he might have confounded WOLFE with MONTGOMERY—1775—we questioned him fully, but his recollection of names and incidents was too clear to leave any doubt, and the same account had been given to others long before we saw him. Another event which he remembered well, and which he seemed always to look upon as a good joke was that during the occupation of New-Orleans by Gen. JACKSON—1814-15—he had been refused enlistment because he was too old. This he often told with great glee. He must then have been about eighty years old. Thus, taking everything into consideration, and we have been careful ever since we knew him to get all the facts about him we could—from Major DRIPPS, the CHOUTEAU family, JIM BRIDGER, Father DONNELLY, Dr. HOPKINS, and other old mountaineers—we put his age at 134 years. He went from Canada to where Pittsburg now is, thence down the Ohio in keel-boats, and was in New-Orleans, it seems, in 1814. Before this, however, he accompanied the expedition of LEWIS and CLARK, in their explorations of the Missouri and the discovery of Columbia River in 1804-6. The experience during that trip making him a valuable man to the fur company, he was afterward employed as we have stated until thirty years ago; being then worn out and too old for active service, he came here to spend the evening of his life with the family of the man he had so faithfully served for many years—a home he cherished to be. For the past seven or eight years the old man's recollection of faces was often at fault, but his memory of events and incidents seems as strong as ever—like pictures in his mind—and this retention of occurrences was the great help in determining his age. The last thirty years of his life he has been quiet and cogent, and always had his own house, where he kept his pipe and tobacco-pouch, and such things as were articles of comfort to him, mostly such as he had from his residence with the Indians—not forgetting his rosary and a few religious pictures which hung above his bed. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and his funeral, yesterday morning to mix up the remnants of the buildings, but up to a late hour last night they had only succeeded in finding two rafters. Mrs. BAXTER'S house in Elwood was also lifted from its foundations and carried off in the breeze. The timber, for three miles west of Elwood, was blown in every direction, and a perfect blockade existed on the macadamized road, yesterday, occasioned by the fallen timber.

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Grain Trade of Boston—New-York Losing Her Supremacy in This Branch of Commerce.

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Every one of the regular Cunard steamers sailing out of this port now takes a large amount of corn and wheat from the great elevator located on the Grand Junction wharf at East Boston. In this way the immense ships of that line are able to make up full cargoes here, and to sail direct for Liverpool, without going by the way of New-York to shut out their freight entirely. In order to illustrate the growing importance of this export movement, we give below the exact figures representing the shipments of corn and wheat by the Cunard steamers from this port, from April 9 (when the first lot was delivered) up to the 15th inst. We may add that the exports down for this same time, by this line, have also been very large:

Date.	Steamer.	Corn, bush.	Wheat, bush.
April 9	Siberia		7,109
April 26	Aleppo		7,919
April 27	Parthia	30,623	
May 4	Samaria	12,138	
May 5	Sumavia		4,982
May 11	Siberia		6,700
May 11	Siberia		4,611
May 11	Tripoli	17,018	
May 11	Siberia	6,659	
May 15	Tripoli		7,744
May 15	Tripoli		5,852
May 25	Scotia	5,000	
May 25	Tripoli	4,724	
June 1	Parthia	19,894	
June 1	Samaria	24,000	
June 8	Tripoli	2,500	
June 15	Malta		1,000 (bags)
June 15	Malta		670 (bags)
June 15	Malta	5,000	
June 15	Siberia	16,000	
June 17	Siberia	3,859	
June 17	Siberia	4,780	
June 27	Tripoli	7,663	
June 29	Tripoli	24,775	
July 6	Malta	5,000	
July 8	Aleppo	25,500	
July 13	Samaria		22,695
July 15	Samaria		7,995
Total		127,034	78,617
Or		972 bags.	1,000 bags.

If these things are done in the green tree, what may we not expect to be done in the dry, when all our Eastern railroad lines shall have been brought down to tide-water, when our marginal freight railway system shall have become complete, and the Hoosac Tunnel line, the shortest route between the seaboard and the lakes, shall have been finished by the Ocean? The theory of New-York commercial supremacy, which has made Metropolis at one end of the Erie Canal and Buffalo at the other, received its first rude shock when the Grand Trunk Railway began to bring milk wheat to Portland to ship on the Allan line of steamers. But it did not receive its quietus until later, when heavy freight-trains, laden with the same commodity, began to come through direct from Western shipping points to Boston, without paying tribute either to New-York canals or elevators. With railroad competition in the ascendent, and the great grain-growing fields of the West gradually shifting to higher latitudes in the Upper Mississippi valley, the control of New-York over this branch of the produce trade is fast passing away.

Death of the Double-Headed Baby—One Head Outlives the Other.

From the Boston Post, July 19.

We mentioned in our columns, yesterday, the presence in Boston of a most remarkable child, the offspring of JOSEPH and ANN E. FISLEY. It presented the remarkable as well as unprecedented phenomenon of two heads, four arms and two egs, and all upon a single body. The girl, for such was its sex, died last evening at No. 6 Bowdoin-street. The first half or head breathed its last at 5, and the second shortly after 6 o'clock. The many thousands in the Western or Middle States who have seen this marvellous eccentricity of nature will learn its early death with regret. The child—or children, as it would seem proper to allude to the phenomenon—had enjoyed excellent health from her birth, nine months ago, until within two weeks, at which time one exhibited signs of illness. This, however, was but temporary. It recovered, and was bright and playful. Since resulting Boston, a few days since, the other—or the other half—was taken sick and died yesterday afternoon, as already stated. The fact of the two being so intimately connected that the death of one rendered that of the other inevitable. The spectacle was equally novel, strange and unparalleled. Upon one end of the body reposed the head of the dead infant, upon the other that of the live one, with the eyes still bright and vivacious, and its lungs in full breathing order. All that medical aid could accomplish was done, but it was found unavailing. The child died in the presence of its parents. The corpse presents the appearance of two infants asleep. Apparently they escaped the ordinary suffering incident to death, for the countenance and the expression of repose. The disposition of the body is not determined upon. Several of our physicians were desirous, last evening, of having it opened for examination. It is doubtful if the parents consent. They reside in Monroe County, Ohio, and live upon a farm. They have other children, but none have exhibited any unusual developments. Nor can this extraordinary departure from the laws of nature be accounted for. In Philadelphia, where all the medical Solons undertook to solve the problem, nothing whatever was brought to light. The child was looked upon with amazement and interest, but all attempts to account for its existence were futile. It is regarded as more of a curiosity than the famous Siamese twins, and most certainly the specimen now in Philadelphia is more pleasant to the eye. The child was shortly to have been exhibited to the public, and would doubtless here, as elsewhere, have attracted throngs of visitors. The parents were especially devoted to the little martyr, and their sorrow is grievous.

THE PEACH TRADE.

Tricks of the Speculators—How Consumers and Producers are Defrauded—Immense Profits.

The great peach depot is at the terminus of the railroad in Jersey City. The comparatively small supply received by steamers and sailing crafts is delivered in New-York wherever such freight can be landed most advantageously. The entire system of handling peaches is arranged so admirably to favor the pecuniary interests of "middlemen," who sell the fruit, that in some instances the consignors take the fruit, sell it, pocket most of the money, return the producer his baskets and crates, and a bill for freight and commission over and above the aggregate sum declared to have been received for the entire cargo. Such an occurrence is by no means uncommon, as middlemen have everything their own way. They all operate as a unit to get the fruit at the lowest possible figure, and to make as much profit on the repeated sales of the same fruit as possible, before the supplies are purchased by consumers. Hence, the money made in the peach traffic is snapped up by a few operators, who usually appropriate only a few hours per day at their livelihood, realizing during the brief space of time enormous profits.

OPERATIONS OF WHOLESALE DEALERS.

Wholesale and retail dealers in peaches understand that as a rule the cargoes arrive at 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning, when the exciting operation of disposing of the contents of it car commences. The consignor opens the car, and is followed by a squad of purchasers eager to strike a fine lot of fruit at a low price. The fruit is received in baskets holding about half a bushel—some more and others less—or in crates having openings sufficiently large between the slats to enable one to see and to judge, in a measure, as to the quality and condition. An hundred baskets or crates, more or less, as the case may be, are offered for sale. After a thorough examination, one man will venture to make a bid for twenty-five, with the privilege of taking the entire lot—at his option, as soon as he can remove the crates he may purchase. The purchaser is certain to have a large truck wagon at hand, so that fifty crates can be transferred from the cars in two minutes. The purchaser is careful, also, to bid so low that if all the fruit should not prove to be sound, he will not be obliged to sustain a heavy loss.

NO STRIFE BETWEEN BIDDERS.

There is seldom any strife between buyers and bidders. If one attempts to purchase a line of baskets, all by-standers look on in silence until he retreats or closes his bargain. A fine lot of fruit presented on a low figure by A. will ask B and C interfering to procure such supplies as they may need at a still lower figure. A consignor seldom dwells long in effecting sales. Parleying and bantering between sellers and purchasers are of rare occurrence. In some instances, several licensed venders who have money only sufficient to purchase a few crates will agree to take ten crates apiece, after which they will depute the shrewdest purchaser among them to bid off one hundred crates at the very lowest figure. Each one will then transfer his portion to the wagon and hurry away to New-York City or Brooklyn, and sell his fruit at an advance of two, three or four hundred per cent.

TRICKS OF LARGE DEALERS.

In many instances John Smith, Jay Jones and Peter Funk enter into copartnership to buy and sell fruit, under the name of "Smith, Jones & Co.," Peter Funk being the Co. No one, save these three, knows that Peter Funk has any interest in the business of the firm. Peter Funk has a fruit-stand, supposed to be his own, on another street from the stand of the firm. All consignments of fruit are made to "Smith, Jones & Co." When a cargo has arrived, Smith or Jones, or both, hurry away to the cars at the appointed hour of sale, and Peter Funk is always on hand. Well, he always pays whatever he bids, which is the only important requisite in the estimation of consignees. Smith or Jones unlocks the car containing their consignment of peaches and offers fifty crates for sale. Purchasers are few. Peter Funk knows all the movements that the entire operation is under his control. "Who wants that line of baskets," says Smith, "for $1 each?" No one bids. "Come, Peter, buy that line," says Smith. "I want an hundred baskets of peaches, but I can't pay that price," replies Peter. "Will you give ninety cents?" "No." "Give me fifty and they are yours." "No, I'll not pay one cent over forty." "Take 'em," says Smith.

TRANSFERRING THE SUPPLIES.

The fruit is then transferred to trucks, transported to New-York, delivered at the store or stand of "Smith, Jones & Co." and a portion at the shanty-stand of Peter Funk; then the bill of sale is rendered to the consignor, with check for the amount, less the freight and commission, before one single bona-fide sale has been made. There may be 2,000 or more baskets, a large proportion of which will be ready for sale in New-York early in the morning. Then peaches will be quoted as dull at forty cents per basket, or eighty cents per crate. The farce sale is now over, and business commences.

GENUINE TRAFFIC IN PEACHES.

The peaches have arrived in excellent condition. Hence, the price is put up from $1 50 per basket to $2 50. Selected baskets are held at each. One jobber will purchase fifty baskets, another forty, another twenty. If "Smith, Jones & Co." hold their fruit at $1 50 per basket, and a cash customer will not pay over $1 25 cash, Smith, Jones & Co. will realize seventy-five cents on each basket, besides the regular commission on the whole. Hence they accept the $1 25, and the buyer sells a choice fruit stand for $2 per basket, or double that amount for crates. In many instances a part of a cargo of peaches will change hands four or five times before consumers get the fruit; and every seller pockets a generous commission. In consequence of such underhanded operations producers realize exceedingly low prices for their products, while consumers are required to purchase at such extortionate rates that they can scarcely afford to pay the prices demanded.

THE TRICKS OF SMALL VENDERS.

The business of palming off such peaches as may be half decayed to consumers for the price of sound fruit is driven with such persistent shrewdness that retailers receive about as much money for peaches that are half rotten as for those which are free from decay. The common trick, when selling peaches by the quart, for example, to handle them so adroitly that the decayed sides will always be kept down. When a purchaser bargains for a quart, the trickster transfers the fruit into a paper, always keeping the decayer sides down; folds up the package and receives his money, while the purchaser walks away to some secluded corner to feast on the luscious products, when, to his surprise, his fruit is half decayed. Still another phase of the same trick is to fill small baskets with half-ripe and half-decayed fruit, and top it off with the finest specimens that can be selected, which are warranted to be fruit of a choice quality to the bottom of the basket. The buyer will pay at the rate of $2 to $10 per bushel, and congratulate himself that he has secured all such fruit-stands are sold, at an extortionate price, to ladies—that he or she has a basket of fine fruit. But when he or she turns out the fruit at home, and has occult demonstration of the magnificent swindle, the conclusion is that the best thing to do is to punish the trickster by patronizing some honest vender.

REBUKING—EXTORTIONATE PROFITS.

Most consignees have standing orders for a certain number of baskets or crates from retailers in every section of the country, to whom crates that have cost forty cents each in Jersey City are reshipped, and bills forwarded C. O. D. in some instances, and in others sent by mail, for which they realize by return mail $4 to $5 per crate, according to the quality of the fruit. Prior to reshipment, each crate is examined for the purpose of removing certainly every specimen of peach is sound, as it would damage their trade to forward knotty or half-ripe fruit to country village customers. The profits of the peach crop are pocketed by these who sell the fruit, not by those who raise it.

THE PRACTICAL REMEDY.

The most extensive operators in peaches rent a little seven by nine caboose on some pier, for about $1 to $1 50 per day. Others rent one corner of some store, or a cellar, for about the price just quoted. They have no stock on hand from day to day and from week to week. Their business consists of a clean, daily cash transaction. Producers of large crops of fruit could handle their supplies themselves, by renting a cheap stand and employing some reliable person on a fair salary to receive the fruit and make the sales in New-York, instead of accepting the reported rates of sale of the three transactions as the railroad depot. By adopting such an arrangement a producer having a dozen or one hundred crates could calculate with satisfactory certainty about how much he would realize for his crop before shipping it. According to the present tricky and under-hand manner of selling supplies on commission, middlemen keep the prices constantly fluctuating, so that the rates might be, with fair and straightforward management, as uniform, and trade as steady, as the prices of coffee and sugar. Retail prices continue quite uniform from day to day, and there is no reason why wholesale rates should not be reported at forty cents per basket one day and eighty cents to-morrow, only that heavy operators realize greater profits in consequence of the fluctuations.

A New Phase in the Assessment Business—Another Burden to Saddle the City With.

About a year ago the Broadway widening was pushed through. The Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment made their report, and it appeared that the whole thing was settled. One who made a careful examination estimated the swindle in the matter at about $2,000,000. At this time Mr. WATSON, County Auditor, was thrown over the head of his horse and died—a misfortune which deranged a great many plans, as he was the owner of property for which large awards had been made, and the salaries of many awards for damage. The Legislature thereupon passed a law intended to set aside all the previous proceedings and directing a new set of Commissioners to be appointed to newly assess the amount to be awarded to property-holders, and divide the assessments on the property of those benefited.

This was contested before Judge CARDOZO by a great number of those who had received awards to the full value of their property, on the ground that the confirmation of the previous report had given them vested rights which no Legislature could constitutionally change. Several of the owners

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WM. MULLIGAN, President.

BOARD OF FINANCE AND TAXATION, JERSEY CITY, May 11, 1871.
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DIVIDENDS.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY COMPANY, July 12, 1871.
A DIVIDEND OF THREE AND ONE half per Cent. free of United States tax, has been declared by this Company, payable on and after Aug. 1. Stockholders holding certificates registered at New-York will be paid at the office of the United States Trust Company of New-York, No. 45 Wall-st.
The transfer-books will be closed from the evening of the 15th inst. until Aug. 2. By order of the Board of Directors.
GEORGE H. RUSSELL, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, NEW-YORK, JUNE 21, 1871.
A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. IN currency, free of Government tax, has been declared by the Board of Directors of this Company, payable on the 1st day of August next to the holders of full-paid shares registered at the close of the 15th day of July next, after which date and until the 5th day of August next the transfer-books will be closed.
L. V. F. RANDOLPH, Assistant Treasurer.

THE GERMAN AMERICAN BANK, NEW-YORK, July 11, 1871.
A DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) PER cent., free of Government tax, will be paid to the stockholders at this Bank, on and after the 1st day of August next.
The transfer-book will remain closed from 20th inst. until that date, inclusive.
By order of the Board.
C. H. SCHEFFNER, Cashier.

CLINTON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OFFICE No. 128 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, July 6, 1871.
DIVIDEND.—THE USUAL SEMI-ANNUAL Dividend of Seven (7) per Cent., free of tax, has this day been declared payable, on demand.
JOHN HARRIOT, Secretary.

OFFICE OF EXCELSIOR FIRE INSURANCE CO., No. 120 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, June 21, 1871.
A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE per Cent., free of tax, will be paid on and after July 1, 1871. SAMUEL M. CRAFT, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE FULTON FIRE INSURANCE CO., Nos. 152 AND 154 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, July 18, 1871.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a Dividend of Five per Cent., payable on demand, free of all taxes. Payable at the office, No. 346 Broadway.
JAMES M. RANKIN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HUMBOLDT FIRE INSURANCE CO., No. 120 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, July 12, 1871.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF this Company have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent. upon the capital stock, payable on demand. W. H. BRIDGMAN, Sec'y.

OFFICE OF MANHATTAN INSURANCE CO., No. 66 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, July 13, 1871.
A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF Eight (8) per Cent. has this day been declared, payable on demand. GEO. B. HODGSDON, Secretary.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF THE NORTHERN FIRE INSURANCE CO., No. 36 GRATHAM-SQUARE, NEW-YORK, July 18, 1871.
THIRTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors has declared a Dividend of Eight per Cent., free of tax, payable August 1, 1871.
JOS. W. DOUGLAS, Secretary.

EIGHTY-SIXTH DIVIDEND.
OFFICE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN FIRE INS. CO., No. 172 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, July 13, 1871.
The Board of Directors have this day declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of FIVE per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand.
C. H. CARTER, Secretary.

STUYVESANT INSURANCE COMPANY.
THIRTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.
A Dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, has been declared out of the profits of the last six months, payable on demand at No. 128 Broadway.
GEORGE E. RHOADS, Secretary.

TWENTY-NINTH DIVIDEND.
OFFICE LENOX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 146 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, July 13, 1871.
A Dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, is payable on demand.
A. H. WALDON, Secretary.

LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.
NEW-YORK, June 9, 1871.
A DIVIDEND OF [illegible] PER CENT. out of the net earnings of the Company for the last six months has been declared, payable to the stockholders, free of Government tax, on the 15th day of August, 1871, at the Union Trust Company of New-York.
The transfer-books will be closed on the 30th day of June inst., and remain closed until after the payment of the dividend, when they will be reopened for the transfer of stock in order.
JAMES H. DUNHAM, Treasurer.

ASTOR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 104 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, July 12, 1871.
A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., free of all taxes, is this day declared, payable 1st August.
JAMES YERAMAN, Secretary.

PACIFIC BANK, NEW-YORK, July 21, 1871.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a Dividend of Four per Cent., free from Government tax, payable on and after the 1st day of August.
S. SUTRO, Cashier.

YONKERS AND NEW-YORK FERRY COMPANY, No. 176 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, July 18, 1871.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free of tax, payable on demand.
JOHN W. BURNEY, Secretary.

SOUTHERN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.—Coupons due August 1, 1871, on the First Mortgage Bonds of this Company will be paid on and after that date on presentation at the banking-house of VERMILYE & CO., No. 16 and 18 Nassau-st., New-York.
WM. H. SHWARD, Jr., Treasurer.

OFFICE OF NIAGARA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 12 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, July 19, 1871.
THE DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a Dividend of Three per Cent. for the last six months, free of tax, payable on the capital stock payable on demand.
P. NOTMAN, Vice-President and Secretary.

THE PETER COOPER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY have declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Six per Cent., free of tax, payable on and after 1st August next, at their office, corner 3d-av. and 9th-st., July 19, 1871.
WM. H. RIBLET, Secretary.

MARINE AND FIRE INSURANCE Stocks wanted, and for sale by
E. S. BAILEY, No. 65 Wall-st.

AUCTION SALES.

MORTGAGE SALE.—STATEN ISLAND RAILROAD.—Staten Island Shore Railroad Company.—Pursuant to the power conferred upon the undersigned by the above-named corporation, for the purpose, as expressed by them, of constructing, maintaining and operating their railroad, and executed three hundred and sixty of their bonds, each for the sum of one thousand dollars, and numbered from one to three hundred and sixty, inclusive, and two hundred of their bonds of the denomination of one hundred dollars each, numbered from one to two hundred, both inclusive, said bonds bearing date on the 1st day of April, 1869, and all payable on the 1st day of January, 1889, with interest on the same from the 1st day of July, 1869, payable semi-annually, on the 1st day of January and July of each year; and to secure the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds aforesaid, the said Company executed to the undersigned, as Trustees aforesaid, their mortgage, bearing date on said 1st day of April, in the year 1869, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County of Richmond, state of New-York, in Liber 84, of mortgages, on page 66, &c., by which they did bargain, sell, transfer and convey to the undersigned, and to his successor or successors in said trust, and to his or their heirs and assigns, the following property rights, interests and franchises in said indenture described, that is to say: All the present and in future to be acquired right, title and interest of the said Company in and to the Staten Island Shore Railroad, from Howland's Hook to the ferry-landing at the New-York avenue, including the right of way thereof, with the superstructure and all the rails, fastenings, fixtures, and appurtenances of other materials used therein or pertaining thereto, or which may be hereafter used therein or pertaining thereto, and all horses, cars, harness, machinery, tools, implements, depots, buildings, viaducts, fences, stables, depot-grounds, and all rights of every kind and description connected therewith, and all the tolls and income to be had and received therefrom, and all the franchises, rights and privileges of the said Company in and to the Staten Island Shore Railroad, and all the franchises, rights and privileges of the said Company in, to and for, or concerning the same.
Dated April 12, 1871. C. C. NORVELL, Trustee.
HENRY D. TOWNSEND, Attorney for Trustee.
No. 120 Broadway, New-York.
The above sale postponed to THURSDAY, July 20, at the same place and hour.
C. C. NORVELL, Trustee.
The above sale postponed to [illegible] Aug. 1, when the said property will be sold free of all incumbrance, payable in Treasury or National Bank funds, or in a certified check to the satisfaction of the Union Trust Company, with whom the money is to be deposited, to the credit of the trustee, by 12 o'clock, M. on the day of sale. And the property will be conveyed to the purchaser or purchasers there[illegible] morning, at the Quarantine Landing, State [illegible]

TRUSTEE'S SALE.—THE CAPE GIRARDEAU, CAPE GIRARDEAU AND SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY.—The Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau and Southern Railroad Company of Missouri, (Boonville extension), by their deed of mortgage, dated the 22d day of June A. D. 1868, and recorded in the County of Cape Girardeau, State of Missouri, in Mortgage Book [illegible], page [illegible], and in the County of Monitseau, State of Missouri, in Mortgage Book [illegible], pages 94-7, did convey to [illegible] F. Nelson, William S. Burr and George T. [illegible] all the property, rights, franchises thereinafter described, to secure the payment of the principal and interest of certain bonds of said Company, and whereas, the said the Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau and Southern Railroad Company has failed to pay a portion of its said bonds, executed and delivered as aforesaid, when said interest became due and payable, and said interest still remains due and unpaid, notwithstanding payment of the same has been demanded, and whereas, when said bonds were issued, and the holders of several said bonds which said interest remains unpaid and has not been paid, as demanded as aforesaid, have in writing requested the undersigned, as Trustees aforesaid, to proceed in pursuance and compliance with the power conferred upon him as aforesaid by said indenture, to foreclose said mortgage, and sell the premises, rights, and franchises and property of said Company, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be sold at public auction, in the City of New-York:
Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that the undersigned Trustee as aforesaid, will, in pursuance of said request, sell at public auction, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on [illegible] DAY, the 18th day of July, 1871, at 12 o'clock, noon of that day, all the property and in fee to be acquired by the said Company of the Staten Island Shore Railroad, from Howland's Hook to the ferry-landing at the New-York avenue, that is to say, its railroad from Howland's Hook to the southern terminus of New-York avenue, with the superstructure and all the rails, fastenings, fixtures, and appurtenances of other materials used therein or pertaining thereto, or which may be hereafter used therein or pertaining thereto, and all horses, cars, harness, machinery, tools, implements, depots, buildings, viaducts, fences, stables, depot-grounds, and all rights of every kind and description connected therewith, and all the tolls and income to be had and received therefrom, and all the franchises, rights and privileges of the said Company in and to the Staten Island Shore Railroad, and all the franchises, rights and privileges of the said Company in, to and for, or concerning the same.
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TRUSTEES' SALE.—THE DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY will sell $30,000 tons Scranton Coal at public auction, on WEDNESDAY, July 26, at 12 o'clock noon, at No. [illegible] Exchange place.
SAMUEL SLOAN, President.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

FOR SALE—A HANDSOME BAY TEAM from Vermont, black points, 15½ hands, own brothers, six and seven years old, gracefully alike in color, action and style; perfectly sound, kind and gentle; sold for no fault

STORM SIGNALS.

An Interesting Letter on Storm Signals on the Plains from Gen. M. Meigs.

The following letter has just been published in St. Louis:

KELLY, Kansas, July 17, 1871.

George P. Plant, Esq., Chairman Union Merchants' Exchange Committee on Storm Signals, St. Louis, Mo.:

DEAR SIR: In a brief article published in October, 1870, the following instances occurred:

"In the list of stations for storm signals there are but five west of the meridian of Omaha, viz.: Cheyenne, Corinne, Santa Fé, Fort Benton and San Francisco. It is doubtful whether observations at this last-named station will be of general use in enabling us to anticipate storms in the Mississippi Valley and on the Atlantic slope. To some extent the same remark is applicable to Santa Fé and to Corinne. Santa Fé is west of the Spanish range, and Corinne is surrounded by mountains. Both are in localities where storms are apt to be local, and hence observations at those places would probably have but little value. Much more is better located than San Francisco, Santa Fé, or Corinne, to give warning to St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, or Buffalo that a storm is on the way; yet, without some elastic appendage the system will be found to be very defective.

"If the general belief at present held in regard to the origin and progress of storms is correct, there ought to stations in the immediate region south of Kansas City, yet not so far west as to be outside of the bounds of the prevailing winds from the south in the Summer. Fort Wallace nearly as 100th meridian; Fort Harker near the 99th meridian; Fort Leavenworth near the 95th, would be suitable places for observation to the west of St. Louis. Fort Bascom on the Canadian, if now occupied, ought to be made a point; and there ought to be three or four stations in Northern Texas, and in Territory, one of them at Fort Smith or Fort Gibson.

"To get the full value of the storm signals, and to educate the public in the meteorology of the easterly half of the continent, observations must be made in a very wide extent of country, and the phenomena recorded will require some study before we shall be able to interpret them rightly. * * * If there are enough stations well established, and the records are properly stored, we shall be able, in time, fully to understand the language of the elements, speaking through the medium of science; and to the agriculturist, as well as to the mariner, this forecast of the weather will have substantial value. * * * I cannot doubt that stations, such as I have indicated, are designed by Gen. MYERS as early as arrangements can be perfected. I write these observations to call attention to the system than to prompt the officers in charge."

The article from which these passages are taken was sent to Gen. MYERS. In the letter transmitting it I said:

"It will require many observations and much time to bring the science of the Rocky Mountains to such perfection as to accomplish its best results; and in the meantime the expectation of the public will be apt to outrun any possible achievement in the way of prediction. Yet the establishment of stations on a grand scale for the study of the philosophy of the weather; and I have no doubt of eventual success to the fullest extent contemplated by intelligent men."

To this letter a reply was received, stating, under date of Nov. 28, 1870, that it was "the intention of the Chief Signal Officer to extend the system as rapidly as instruments can be procured and the necessary arrangements made with the telegraph companies." Since that date I have not learned of any movement in the matter of storm signals on the Plains until the appearance of the letter lately addressed by the Committee of the Union Merchants' Exchange of St. Louis to the Bureau at Washington. No one at all familiar with the climatology of the part of the continent lying between the Mississippi and the Sierra Madre for water shed between the Atlantic and Pacific) can doubt the absolute necessity of observing stations on the Plains, in order to deduce correct theories in regard to the systems of storms. I use the word systems, because the storms are different in character; some are local, confined to a small area; some are more general, yet, in comparison with the entire area between the mountains and the Atlantic, are but limited in extent; and some are so extensive as to be felt from the Atlantic base of the mountains to the Mississippi, and even to the Atlantic. It will take close observation and much time to give us the right interpretation of the phenomena attending each of these classes of storms.

The truth is, very vague ideas prevail as to the climatology of the Plains, meaning by this term the area from the Rio Grande to the Missouri, draining to the Gulf, west of the wooded regions, and east of the mountains. The meteorology of this region has never been studied from facts. It has been theorized on a great deal, and many pretty superstructures have been reared, but, lacking sound foundations to be perfect. Yet there is no doubt that many of the storms originating in the Plains take up their line of march to the sea. Of these it is important that proper notice be given if possible; and it never can be given till their peculiarities are noted here in their birth-place. Hence the letter of your committee looks in the right direction. Either the Storm Signal Bureau should have such support as to be able to provide itself with all needed facilities and aids, or it ought to be abandoned.

But, however elaborately organized the Bureau may be, you must not expect too much. When one of the grand rain or snow storms is on its march to the sea, its progress may be recorded and warnings given. The progress is generally at about the rate of twenty miles an hour. The Bureau can tell you when it is at the line of the Missouri, and you will have twelve to fourteen hours to prepare for it in St. Louis. But this is not the only kind of storm which you may have, nor the most destructive. Tornadoes, water-spouts and hurricanes destroy life and property. They seem to come without premonition, and we may be powerless to protect ourselves, as a general rule. Yet if we could know with certainty when one is likely to occur, we should at least imagine ourselves in better case than without this knowledge; and to be able to foretell not only the march of the general storm which spreads over hundreds of thousands of square miles, but also the probable occurrence of tornadoes and kindred disturbances of limited range, will be after a while the goal of ambition in the Storm Signal Bureau.

Will the Bureau ever succeed in this? I doubt it. Yet if the tornado may not be foretold, the observation and study given to such phenomena will go far toward introducing certainty in predicting the occurrence and course of the gale. The experiments of FRANKLIN, and even the lightning-rod, did not amount to a great deal; but there can, I think, be no doubt that they did much to hasten the advent of the telegraph. So the organization of storm signal observations by the civilized nations will probably lead to discoveries of vast consequence, particularly in regard to electrical conditions and influences. In this connection I would call your attention to two propositions:

First—Winds are not the cause, but the effect (at times) of storms.

Second—Electricity and magnetism are the agencies (if they are really two) which produce storms.

Referring to the first proposition, let us suppose the earth with its present atmosphere, its diurnal rotation, its annual motion, and its relation to the heavenly bodies—and without any disturbing cause within itself—ought not the winds to be regulated in their course, as influenced by the heat of the sun and the attractions of the spheres, changing with the seasons, but ever uniform? Would not the heated air take up the waters and the cooler condense them in one uniform round, giving to each locality always the same clear atmosphere, or mist, or rain, or snow at the same time each year, the recurring season having the wind from the same point and attended by the same conditions as in the year before?

But, referring to the second proposition, may we not have in what we call electricity and magnetism something that interferes with what would, but for their existence, be the normal condition of the atmosphere? Are they not the disturbing cause probably influenced in a great degree by the sun, perhaps by other bodies, pervading the solid globe with their currents, and passing to and from and through the atmosphere?—attracting and heating, and repelling and cooling the particles of the atmosphere, and thus producing those disturbances which we call storms?

If the reply to these inquries be affirmative, we must go beyond the study of air currents and winds before we shall have mastered the philosophy of the weather. We must study the manifestations of electricity in the earth and in the air, so that we may know or guess what it is doing or likely in any given time to do. How we are to get into this study, and how the investigations are to be conducted, is not for me to say; but if electricity be, as I am supposing, the mother of all meteorological disturbances, we must become familiar with her habits, and then we shall know when to expect her offspring and be able to paint their features in advance. If the Storm Signal Bureau be continued a few years, its inquiries will take this direction.

That this mysterious agency which now carries our messages will in time be understood, is possible, is it not? To say that by the study of electrical phenomena we shall in time be able to predict a hurricane or perhaps a local tornado, may seem extravagant; yet I can recollect when, if I had told you at your mail that in time you would be able, from St. Louis, to ask your factor in Liverpool the price of flour, and get an answer within the hour, you would have been regarded insane if you had believed the assertion. Possibly the future has equal wonders in store. Yours, truly, M. C. MEIGS,

Industrial Agent Kansas Pacific Railway.

Steam Inland Sunday Pleasure.

Although the weather yesterday was not so excessively warm as to drive people from the City for fresh air, it was so peculiarly balmy and delightful that a trip to the country presented extraordinary attractions. Enormous crowds went to all the pleasure resorts down the Bay to spend the day in picnics, dancing parties, &c. Staten Island attracts a good part of these excursionists on Sunday, and thousands, yesterday, sought the various parks and places of popular amusement about the island. Silver Lake, the chief favorite among the resorts, is a pretty little sheet of water in the interior of the island, near Stapleton, with wooded banks and high hills near by, from which splendid views can be seen down the Bay and up the Hudson. The amusements here are a fair sample of the proceedings at all these places. In a thick wood on the north bank of the lake there is music and dancing, and a saloon stands near by from which beer and other refreshments are supplied *ad libitum* to all applicants. At our last visit many couples are seated drinking the great German beverage, lager beer, and eating Bologna sausages, or the smoking pretzel, and on the pond half a dozen boats are rowed, poled or sculled about by the unskillful hands of City clerks and their young ladies. The pleasures seem excessively monotonous to an outsider, but the people seem to enjoy themselves hugely all day in one way and another. Thousands of people yesterday collected at Silver Lake and other less-known resorts, crowding all the evening boats to repletion. A dance on board to the music of an accordion, a general sons or miscellaneous flirtation beguiled the way up the river as usual, to the apparent satisfaction of all on board.

PIGEON-SHOOTING.

A Trap Match Between the Forester Club, of Buffalo, and the Monroe County Sportsmen's Club.

From the Rochester Express, July 20.

The friendly match between fifteen of the Forester Club, of Buffalo, and the same number from the Monroe County Club, at pigeon-shooting, took place near Sedford's Tavern, in Irondequoit, yesterday, and resulted in the decided defeat of the Buffalo Club. The terms of the match were, for fifteen men from each organization to shoot at twenty single birds each, from plunge traps, twenty-one yards rise and manly yards boundary. The stake was simply the cost of the birds. A pool was also made on the ground, and every convenience was afforded the visitors. The shooting commenced at 10½ o'clock. Messrs. JOHN SIDWAY and E. G. BILLINGS were selected as umpires, and E. A. AUGUR as referee. Scorers—Buffalo, N. HOUCKER; Rochester, JAS. RADCLIFFE. The contestants were divided into parties of ten, five from each club, and the score below shows the result of the shooting:

MONROE COUNTY SPORTSMEN.

C. A. Kellogg	1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	19
H. Walser	1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	19
R. Hart	1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	17
H. B. Hooker	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	20
Henry Knapp	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	20
L. Wolfhell	1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	17
Seth Green	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	20
Jacob Bean	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1	18
Chas. H. Hooker	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	20
J. Brown	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	19
J. K. Beckwith	1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	18
George Crouch	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	19
W. F. Moore	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	20
C. D. Pegg	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	20
G. A. Gordon	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	19
Total		379

THE FORESTERS.

Robert Newell	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	19
E. B. Hambleton	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	19
C. E. Felton	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	19
W. A. Leverich	1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0	14
M. B. Fish	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	20
George J. Marsh	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0	16
J. R. Sage	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	20
F. Sidway	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	19
S. W. Nash, Jr.	1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	18
W. L. Fox	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	20
W. C. Jason	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	20
George W. Smith	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	18
T. W. Gifford	1 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	16
J. Higham	1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0	15
B. M. Schultz	0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	18
Total		350

This was capital marksmanship for amateur sportsmen, and the contest was so close that the fate of every bird was regarded with extreme interest by the spectators, who numbered several hundred. The birds were young, and generally flew with little vigor, rendering it comparatively easy to bring them down; still the shooting was considered extraordinarily good. When the first ten had finished an adjournment was had for dinner, which was served at a nice country tavern close by, kept by one SAFFORD, and a capital dinner it was for hungry men. After quite discussing its merits, the shot-gun brigade returned to the grounds, reaffirmed on both sides, we imagine, that the battle hung in doubt. The second ten as once began slaughtering the pigeons, and the result of their conflict was to place Monroe County still further to the fore.

This left the Foresters nine birds behind on the grand total, and the match looked very dubious for them, but much faith was placed on the skill of the quintette who were to contend in the third and last ten, and it was hoped that they might even be able to retrieve the failing fortunes of the day. The sequel proved such expectations fallacious. On the average, the Buffalo five did worse than either of their predecessors, while their opponents kept right up to the mark of the best shooting of the day, only missing six birds out of one hundred, and increasing the lead of Monroe County by ten birds.

On the grand total it will be seen that the Monroe County shots killed 370, and the Foresters 360 birds out of 500, the former winning by nineteen birds. The average of the victorious club was eighteen and three-fifths, and of the losers seventeen and one-third. Had one more bird been killed, the grand average for both clubs, thirty marksmen, would have been eighteen. We believe that, for so large a party, this shooting is unprecedented in the annals of the trap. The Buffalonians are inclined to feel well satisfied with the number of birds killed by them, although, of course, regretting that they did not drop twenty more, while the performance of the Monroe County Club, notwithstanding the sluggishness of the pigeons, was most remarkable. It will be noticed that with a single exception every one of their men killed as many as eighteen birds, while four of their number made clean scores, an honor obtained by only one of the Foresters. It is fair to say, however, that while all the Foresters are actual residents of this city, the Monroe County Club draws for members upon down surrounding Rochester, and even upon some in other counties. Still, the contest was between the two Clubs, and the Foresters own up defeat with good grace. They do not intend though to give up finally without another trial of skill, if their opponents will come to Buffalo and have a day with the blue rocks.

A WOMAN IN THE PULPIT.

"The Ministry of Sin"—A Sermon by Mrs. Burleigh Yesterday.

Notice was recently made in the Press that Mrs. CELIA BURLEIGH, wife of the late WM. H. BURLEIGH, long known as a poet and journalist, would soon enter the field of the ministry. By invitation, she yesterday preached her inaugural sermon, on "The Ministry of Sin," at Unity Chapel, One-Hundred-and-twenty-eighth-street, Rev. W. T. CLARK, the pastor, assisting at the regular services. An excellent house of good listeners greeted her appearance. The new preacher is tall, and with a quiet dignity of demeaner, clear and even in her reading. No text was announced other than the following: "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve, said the prophet." The preacher knew of no pulpit admonition that had in it more of path and vital significance. We were much given to serving masters not of our own choosing—masters imposed upon us before we were born, or blindly and unthinkingly followed anon; and though our souls may revolt at the limitations of tradition and circumstance, and the tyranny of fashion, the subjugation to those we fear, or the more bitter subjugation to those we love, it is for the most part an impotent revolt. To all spirits in prison or souls in bondage comes the divine admonition, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." Let the choice be yours, not another's; accept no man against thine own soul; give no fealty that is not from the heart; subscribe to no creed on account of its antiquity; espouse no cause for its respectability; accept no leader because he is popular. This right to choose is the supreme human attribute, inalienable, not to be exercised for us. Correct yesterday's mistake by today's larger experience. That we have been sinners need not prevent our becoming saints. On the contrary, the deeper the humiliation, the more degrading the bondage, the stronger the incentive to make our way, through whatever perils, to the promised land and a nobler life. The aspect of the subject having the deepest and most pathetic significance was the bondage and the veil of Esau for his bartered birthright; but though what might have been is no longer possible, something better may yet be. The soul that has faith shall yet remove mountains, and no compact with the devil shall hold when he who made it aspires to God. I enter my protest against the nullelity of the age, an age that to my thinking shows more infidels to Adam than, directly by profession, infidels to God. I call upon society to remove the ban from its erring men and women; to make reformation possible, and stay a waste of manhood and womanhood that it can ill afford. Sin is the sharp discipline of undeveloped souls. Nothing but a fall reveals to us the power of temptation and saves the seeds of charity in the heart. No sin has power to damn, unless the verdict of society is subscribed to by the individual sinner. Want of faith is the only sin that is unpardonable; faith that no abyss is too deep for God's love so fathom. As want, pain, and sorrow have their uses, so there is a beneficent ministry of sin. Sin means the transgression of any law supposed to be binding upon us. Sinners were the glaciers of the moral world. The sermon went to show their necessity as preparations for something better.

The Seventy-First Regiment Excursion Today—The Line of March and Departure.

The long-talked-of excursion of the Seventy-first Regiment N. G. S. N. Y., (Col. ROCKAFELLER,) takes place today, the command taking their departure for Providence this afternoon. The command will assemble at the armory, at Broadway and Thirty-fifth-street, at 2 P. M. Line of march will be taken up at 2½ o'clock, from the armory, through Thirty-fourth-street, Fifth-avenue, Fourteenth-street, Broadway to Canal-street, from the foot of which they will embark. The regiment will parade in full dress uniform—dark trowsers, knapsacks, and blue blankets rolled.

They have chartered the steamer *City of Lawrence*, on which, at 4½ P. M., they will proceed from the foot of Canal-street to Newports. Here they will land and have a dress parade in Touro-square. At noon they will re-embark and proceed to Providence, where a committee, headed by Gov. BURNSIDE, will receive them on behalf of the city. The leading military companies of the city will parade. The Seventy-first will remain until Thursday, on which day they will return to this City, reaching here about 6½ P. M. The festivities at Providence promise very brilliantly. The reception will be noticeable in the fact that the leading officials and citizens of the City and State will honor the occasion with their presence.

Our Frauds of Fraud Against the City Government.

From Yesterday's Times.

We have brought very serious charges against Mayor HALL and Controller CONNOLLY, and in reply to them the Mayor says that the City owes us a bill for advertising which we cannot get! This is the most remarkable defense ever recorded in judicial annals. The Mayor further says that the figures we are publishing were obtained from a "disconsolate servant" of the City Government. In other words, *the Mayor admits the truth of our charges and the accuracy of our figures*, but says it is sufficient for him to discredit our motives. His defense is a clear admission of guilt. Let the public judge between us.

When people are accused of shameful dishonesty, is it enough for them to say, "I owe my accuser a bill which I will not pay, and that is why he accuses me"? In the face of such charges as we have made, it would be puerile to expose the absurdity of the Mayor's defense. *Are the figures we are publishing accurate or not?* If they are—and we offer to prove that they are—they show the City officials to be dishonest. Our *motives* for making these exposures have nothing to do with the subject. But we may say this—that we voluntarily gave up the Corporation advertising, and that the City authorities, through their agents, have repeatedly made all sorts of "liberal" proposals to us for the purpose of getting us to suspend our attacks upon them. Any man who is fool enough to suppose that if our attacks could have been stopped by the City people paying us $18,000 the money would not have been paid in five minutes—that man, we say, is welcome to his belief.

The Mayor says that we have obtained the accounts surreptitiously. We reply that these accounts are public property, and that no matter how they had come into our possession it was our duty to publish them. But as a matter of fact, they came to us in a proper manner, without any circumstance connected with our mode of obtaining them of which any body has reason to be ashamed. One word more on these irrelevant issues—with regard to what the Corporation papers may say of us just now we are perfectly indifferent. We have no time or inclination to follow them, and we do not intend to be drawn aside from our main attack. We build our case upon the UNANSWERABLE FIGURES which we are now publishing, and upon them we appeal to the impartial verdict of the public.

Now to the main point. We yesterday published the records of a series of warrants drawn in favor of different persons, but all indorsed by "INGERSOLL & Co."—otherwise J. H. INGERSOLL, a partner of TWEED's, and a well-known agent of the Ring. What did these accounts show?

That for repairs and furniture supplied to the armories alone, during 1869 and 1870, the sum of $1,447,999 19 was paid under warrants signed by HALL and CONNOLLY. On a single day, June 30, 1870, the following sums were paid on this account:

	$49,998 14
	37,077 16
	37,496 87
	40,542 24
	35,745 99
Total	$200,004 70

Is it probable that this amount was ever actually paid for one day's work done to armories and drill-rooms?

But we have yet the accounts of other firms to publish, and then it will be seen that the checks indorsed to INGERSOLL & Co. by no means represent all the money supposed to have been spent on armories and drill-rooms.

For furniture supplied to the new Court-house, the total paid to one firm was $1,476,990 24.

For carpenter-work done in the new Court-house, the following sums were paid:

May 7, 1870	$40,196 47
May 13, 1870	88,903 22
May 21, 1870	84,999 60
June 20, 1870	40,966 41
Aug. 12, 1870	40,343 46
Total	$206,380 21

The amount of the checks indorsed by INGERSOLL & Co. in 1869 and 1870 for furniture, carpenter-work, "fittings up," &c., in connection with the *new Court-house alone*, was as follows:

Furniture, &c	$1,476,990 24
Carpenter-work, &c	203,380 21
Fittings up	44,474 50
Total	$1,724,724 75

Always let it be borne in mind that these sums only represent the checks indorsed by J. H. INGERSOLL. The total amount which we shall prove was got rid of in this way was $9,789,489 16. If the Controller will give us access to the *City accounts*, we shall be able to show a still more lavish expenditure. If he will not give us access to them, we will get at them without his help.

Here is another *incidental* evidence of fraud. So careless were the officials with regard to dates that in no less than thirteen instances the days they fixed upon (apparently at hap-hazard) were Sundays. Here is the account of work done on days when the offices must have been closed:

WORK SUFFERED TO HAVE BEEN DONE ON SUNDAYS.

1869.		
Jan.	24.—J. A. Smith, for Carpets	$22,617 13
March	8.—A. G. Miller, Repairs County Offices and Buildings	34,765 08
April	25.—Ingersoll & Co., Furniture County Court-rooms and Offices	54,243 87
June	7.—George B. Miller, Repairs and Alterations County Buildings	22,008 83
July	19.—Ingersoll & Co., Furniture in County Offices	53,206 75
Aug.	30.—Ingersoll & Co., Furniture in County Offices	60,334 71
Oct.	18.—Ingersoll & Co., Furniture in County Courts and Offices	10,494 61
1869.		
July	18.—C. D. Bollar & Co., Cabinet-work in County Court-house	60,370 00
Oct.	17.—Ingersoll & Co., Cabinet-work in County Court-house	64,994 88
1870.		
Jan.	9.—A. G. Miller, Cabinet-work in County Court-house	49,062 30
Feb.	6.—Ingersoll & Co., Cabinet-work and Furniture in Armories and Drill-rooms	54,053 23
March	12.—C. D. Bollar & Co., Fitting up Armories and Drill-rooms	37,072 18
April	17.—J. A. Smith, Carpets in County Court-house	72,819 81
Total Sunday work		$636,079 05

For carpets, shades, &c., the following was the account:

For County Court-house	$221,792 40
For armories, offices and buildings	325,821 30
Total	$547,620 70

Allowing the enormous sum of $200,000 for shades, "&c.," whatever the latter may mean, and supposing that carpets cost $5 a yard, the remainder, nearly $250,000, would suffice to cover 113,167 square yards. There are 8¼ acres in the City Hall Park, or about 40,000 square yards. Consequently, the City authorities have paid money enough for carpets in the new Court-house and other County buildings to have covered the whole City Park three times over.

Since the Ring papers object to the use of hard words, we will use none now, but invite them to explain our hard figures. We merely ask:

(1.) Is it probable that the amounts set down above were really paid for the work described?

(2.) If the amounts were so paid to G. B. MILLER and others, how comes it that all the checks are indorsed by INGERSOLL?

(3.) If these accounts are *bona fide*, why have they been kept secret from the public, and why are not *all* the Controller's books AT ONCE laid open for proper audit and inspection?

To-morrow morning we shall publish the accounts of another firm.

A New Canadian Steamship Line.

The Toronto *Leader* says that the Grand Trunk Railway Company, in connection with leading British capitalists, and with the approval and support of the Dominion Government, are about organizing an ocean line of steamers. The proposed steamers will increase the facilities of the Grand Trunk Railway as a means of direct communication with Europe. They will depart from Montreal in Summer and Portland in Winter, and must largely increase the volume of the Canadian import and export traffic, inclusive of that of Detroit also.

NOTES FROM THE PEOPLE.

The City Frauds.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I have been greatly delighted for weeks past with your fearless, faithful and persevering exposures of the high-handed thieveries and swindling of the infamous Ring rascals, that for their own selfish and wicked purposes control the vast financial interests of the City and County of New-York.

I have had entire confidence in the substantial correctness of all your allegations and imputations, until at last you have reached a climax that sets the whole matter at rest beyond controversy. The transcript from Controller CONNOLLY's books, which you publish today, bears upon the face of it unmistakable evidence of its commissioner. It will never be disproved or denied.

I understand that the proudly valiant and sagacious "Ad. Interim O'Hall" says it was obtained from a clerk who was discharged for dishonesty. Possibly so; I have no doubt of it. But I can readily believe that his dishonesty consisted in his being too honest to be made a tool of to connive at conceal such gigantic knavery as was practiced on him by his employers. No man could be more than dishonest who would allow himself to remain in such employ at any price. The clerk evidently deserves great praise for his manly independence, his probity and self-sacrifice.

I have been for some time past intending to write to you, making a suggestion, when now at last you have broached the very point I was going to aim at.

My proposition is this: Let a paper be prepared for signature to be presented personally (at the outside of them of the right stamp, who will pledge themselves for specific amounts, or, prorate to the payment of their annual tax, to participate in defraying the expenses of a suit to be brought against the Mayor and Controller and their confederates upon the criminal charge of conspiracy to defraud.

The suit should be brought in the name of one, or several New-York tax-payers, who have (or can have) their residence in Connecticut or New-Jersey, thus bringing it into the United States Court, where [illegible] are not owned (nor likely to be) by the New-York Ring. When once started, let not even a newspaper be left in suitable public places in the country.

It would be a bad day for New-York when it should be found that such a suit cannot be instituted and carried to a successful issue; and this, it seems to me, is the only way of meeting the subject in a manner commensurate with the great magnitude of the interests involved.

RETIRED DETECTIVE.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, July 22, 1871.

Carpenter-Work on the Court-House.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I have read your *exposé* of this day in relation to the swindles of the New-York Ring. I own property both in New-York and Brooklyn, and I have no doubt that similar swindles are carried on in the latter city, as in New-York. I desire to call your attention to the fact that the doors, casings, [illegible] other work usually of wood, and [illegible] carpenters, is, in the Court-house, done [illegible] by blacksmiths. The only conceivable [illegible] done by carpenters may be erecting [illegible] and such like work. All the trimmings [illegible] ows and sashes are of iron. Cannot these [illegible] be indicted for fraud by the Grand Jury? I think your *exposé* should be placarded in [illegible] esters throughout both the cities named. [illegible] the reason that large bodies are misled by [illegible] purchased and venal editors of the City [illegible] are selling their birthright for a few [illegible] Go on with your exposures; the [illegible] are giving them results must ultimately [illegible] them to prison as public robbers. [illegible] yours.

JOHN DOUGLASS.

ALBANY, [illegible], July 22, 1871.

Are we Catholics?

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I have read very attentively the communications in your paper on the late riots, and I find an evident tendency in them to confound Catholics with Irish Papists.

I do not consider the Irish Papists any better representatives of the Catholic religion than Mormonism is of the Protestant religion. They show all its [illegible] with but few of its virtues. They are a foreign party, now wielding the balance of power in the City, whose instincts and proclivities are [illegible] to American institutions.

Yours, truly, A CATHOLIC.

SATURDAY, July 22, 1871.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

It is most entertaining to watch the sparrows performing their ablutions of a morning in the basins of the fountains in the various parks. In no part of the City are these little birds so numerous as in Union-square. There a plank floats in the basin, and the water gently ripples over its surface. At times as many as twenty sparrows may be seen splashing in the water till they are thoroughly wet. As soon as this is accomplished, they fly off to the neighboring trees, where they at once dry themselves. Sometimes they make two or three attempts before they can reach the boundary, in consequence of the weight of their dampened feathers.

The work of removing the *débris* from off Governor's Island [illegible], which is the result of blasting operations under the supervision of Gen. NEWTON, attracts great attention. Numbers of people daily visit the scene in small boats, or pass over the river from Hamilton Ferry in order to see the dredging-machine, which is continually bringing up lumps of stone ranging in [illegible] from one pound to a ton.

Bathing [illegible] the latest novelties in the boot-stocking [illegible] are made of coarse linen, others of [illegible] with wooden soles, some few of [illegible] knitted, while the most expensive [illegible] of cloth embroidery, with a figure of [illegible] God of the Sea, or Neptune, the King of [illegible] with neat leather soles punched with [illegible] which have been inserted silver eyelets.

Various [illegible] have stated that BENJAMIN WOOD is one of the principal owners of the Kentucky [illegible], recently broken up. That gentleman denies it. He says "that he has not for years had any connection with the Kentucky or any other lotteries, except to sue the men who swindled them for money they have in vain tried to get at."

Yesterday afternoon the Cosmopolitan Conference held a regular weekly meeting, at the corner of the Bowery and Bleecker-street. The hall was well filled by the usual audience of queer philosophers, with, seemingly, a large infusion of Spiritualists. Mr. BOUCHET read a paper entitled "Social Science: What It Is, and What It Is Not."

About 7 o'clock yesterday morning an affray occurred at the corner of Houston-street and the Bowery, between JAMES CLUTZ, of No. 41 Canal-street, fired two shots from a revolver at DAVID [illegible], No. 224 Bowery, neither of which took effect. CLUTZ was arrested by the Seventeenth Precinct Police, who also arrested one JAMES KERRIGAN, who attempted to rescue the prisoner.

About 7 o'clock last evening a part of the tunnel in Fourth-avenue between Seventy-first and Seventieth streets caved in, and a portion of the debris fell upon MARY ANN CARSON, aged twelve years, of No. 604 Ninth-avenue, and PHILIP SCHREIBER, aged ten years, whose residence is not given, both of whom were seriously injured. Both were taken home.

An unusual traffic in whisky was kept up all Sunday at the corner of Eighth-avenue and [illegible]-street, and many drunken men lotted [illegible] neighborhood. At night, the locality was [illegible] hideous by the violent outbursts of [illegible] loafers who outrage decency every Sa[illegible] ing their orgies. The Police Stat[illegible] few feet away.

An affray occurred at an early hour yesterday morning [illegible] Oliver-street, during which ELIZA [illegible] Oliver-street, was cut on the forehead by CATHARINE KANE, receiving a severe wound. The assailant was arrested, and, being arraigned yesterday morning, before Justice GOETTING, at the Tombs Police Court, was committed for trial.

The Brooklyn Bridge is beginning to make a great show, and is being pushed forward as fast as it is considered desirable. The tower is nearly [illegible] high, and can be plainly seen from the New-York side of the river. About 250 laborers are constantly employed on the Brooklyn side, besides a number of bargemen and loaders of stone.

The Sangerbund of the Nineteenth Ward, a German literary association, which includes as members many of the leading German Americans of [illegible] ex-Senator [illegible] district, will give a juvenile festival at [illegible] Union Park at Sixty-third-street, East River, [illegible], and a Summer night's festival in the evening.

The Turnverein and Beethoven Maennerchor were yesterday jointly engaged in a steamboat excursion on the Hudson River, which was a most enjoyable affair. Besides the steamer, two barges were employed to accommodate the excursionists. The day was pleasantly passed at Dudley's Grove.

The body of an unknown man was found yesterday in the North River, at the foot of One Hundred and Sixteenth-street, and was taken to the Morgue. He was dressed in gray military coat, with blue rosette on the breast, gray pantaloons with dark stripe on the side, white shirt and black gaiters.

A curious invention is exhibited in the window of a furniture-store up-town. It is a child's cot, to which is attached a most ingenious contrivance, by which the cot is kept in perpetual motion as soon as the child is laid in it, thus saving the trouble and time of an attendant to rock it off to sleep.

In the window of a drug-store in this City a dwarf peach-tree, a dwarf peach-tree and a dwarf apple-tree are exhibited, and attract great attention. The peach-tree has several peaches almost ripe hanging on its boughs, and the pear and apple trees have a good show of green fruit.

THOMAS CAREY, of No. 158 Elizabeth-street, yesterday, jumping off a train of the Hudson River Railroad, at Thirty-seventh-street and Eleventh-avenue, fell under the wheels, one of which passed over his right leg, crushing it. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

About 1,500 Turners, from different localities where Turner organizations are in existence, are expected to visit the Bundes Turnfest, at Williamsburg, which, as stated before, is to be inaugurated on the 6th of next month, and continued for five or six days.

JOHN HELM, twelve years of age, died yesterday at the residence of his parents, No. 208 Avenue B, from tetanus, resulting from an injury to one of his hands, received on the Fourth by the explosion of a small iron cannon he was firing in honor of the day.

A tea company in Vesey-street have a fine model of a Chinese mansion in their window. Another attraction in the same window is a machine which prints the company's own circulars and bill-forms, and also grinds coffee.

CHARLES SMITH, aged fourteen years, of No. 279 Avenue A, was stabbed, last evening, by a boy known as "Blouch," in the knee, and seriously wounded. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital. The assailant was not arrested.

HUGH WHITE, of No. 748 Third-avenue, when standing on the corner of Crosby and Houston streets, last evening, was assaulted by some unknown person, who struck him on the head, inflicting a severe scalp wound.

HENRY KNAPP, of No. 110 East Twenty-sixth-street, firing a pistol at 6th yesterday morning, sent two bullets into a rear room of the residence of Dr. DERBY, No. 111 East Twenty-fifth-street, but without injuring any one.

JAMES CASEY, of No. 49 Market-street, was committed, yesterday, by Justice SCOTT, at the Tombs Police Court, on a charge of stealing a sail-boat worth $119, which he hired on the 17th inst., and has neglected to return.

On a green plot of grass in Ninth-avenue may be seen a large block of coal said to be the largest in the country. It is five feet high and about two and a half feet in width. It weighs one ton two hundred weight.

A slight fire occurred at No. 20 Greene-street at 10½ A. M. Saturday. The house is occupied by HENRY JULIAN, a hair-goods dealer, and the fire was caused by a gas-light on the second floor.

The last street cry which may be heard along the streets and avenues of a morning is "Fresh Spring Chicken," which seems rather inappropriate for the height of Summer.

A soda-water fountain in Broadway has on its side a fine carved group, representing FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE ministering to a sick soldier in one of the wards of Scutari Hospital.

While getting on a Belt line car yesterday, at South Ferry, PATRICK ROONEY fell under it, and the wheels passed over his foot, crushing it. He was taken to Park Hospital.

Senator CARPENTER, Hon. CHARLES A. ELDRIDGE, of Wisconsin, and Pay-masters COCHRAN and BISSELL, of the United States Navy, are at the Herman House.

JACOB ESSER, aged thirteen years, was struck with an iron shutter that fell from the house No. 75 Robinson-street, and was seriously injured. He is now in the hospital.

The Arion Society gave on Saturday an entertainment at Terrace Garden, which, like all other fêtes of this Society, was largely attended, and was a delightful affair.

The journeymen bakers had a picnic and Summer night's festival at the Cremorne Garden, on